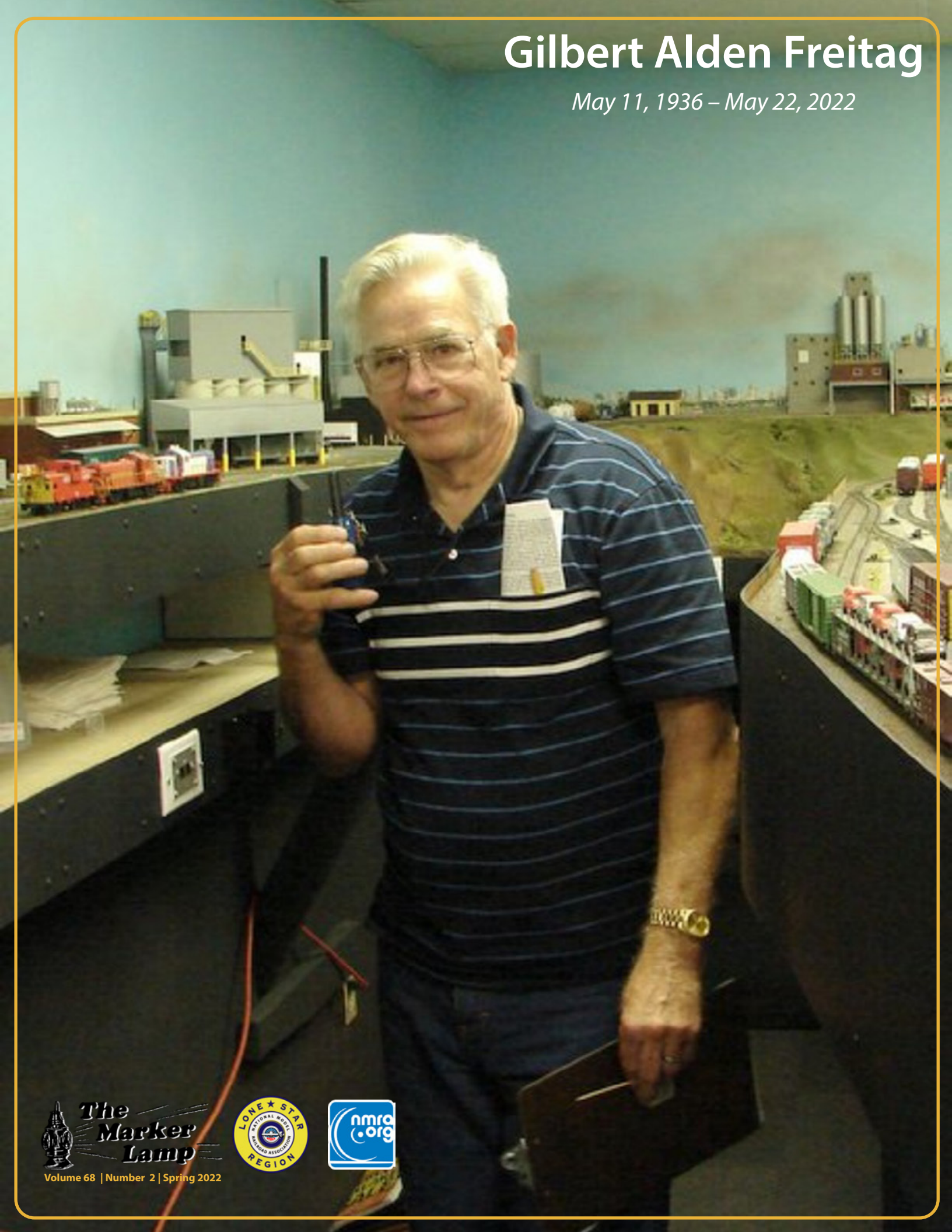


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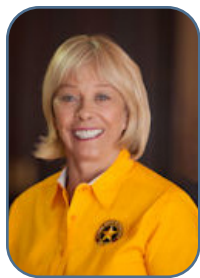
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President's Message

by Donna Orr

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Summertime, summertime, summertime is coming, and along with that are many conventions to go to; Check out the NMRA National convention in St Louis in August, the 28th National N Scale Convention in Tennessee, June 14-18, 2022 in Nashville, The NASG Annual Convention, taking place in Buffalo, New York from August 2-6, 2022, The National Garden Railway convention in Denver, Colorado, June 19-25, 2022, The LCCA, Nashville Tennessee – July 24-30, 2022, The National Narrow-Gauge Convention – Seattle/Tacoma, WA – September 1-4, 2022. Just to name a few, but these are the ones I may be going to. If I do then I will go broke by the end of the summer, but more “stuff” in my model train cabinets.

I hope everyone had a great time at the LSR NMRA Temple Convention. It really was nice. The Presidents awards went to Don Winn and Joe Leising this year. For many contributions that are not seen by the general membership, but are accomplished behind the scenes. However, there were some very important people missing - Virginia and Gil Freitag. We are all sorry to hear of Virginia and Gil graduating from this life and moving on to the next. They are probably looking down

on us and watching how we are doing. I'm sure that when we sit around and talk, we all have stories to tell. I feel honored to have been able to operate on Gil's layout and invited into their home.

There are other names in the LSR that we hear about, but have long passed and many of us do not know anything about them. But the rumor is that we are going to have a page on our regional website that will tell us a little about the pioneers of the Lone Star Region. So, we can look forward to that.

When you go to a convention or train show, or on a train excursion vacation, take pictures and when you come back, how about writing an article for the *Marker Lamp*. This would be a great way for the rest of us to see what is out there to experience. I'm hoping to see many articles in the future.

Until next time.



Large Scale Figures

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Gil and Virginia Freitag epitomized the best of what the NMRA and model railroading is all about. Their passing a month apart this spring is an incalculable loss to not only their family but also to our modeling community. They are what we should all aspire to as model railroaders and more importantly, as people.

Even though I didn't know them well, the effect both Virginia and Gil had on me is profound, and their passing has led to tears for me as it has for a lot of you who knew them better than I did. Their service I witnessed over the course of my time in the hobby is truly inspirational, and my first encounter with them set the tone for my experiences and my actions to this day.

About 30 years ago, I traveled from Austin to the Stony Creek and Western Railroad for what was my second ever operating session. They welcomed me into their home and layout, and Gil immediately thrust a throttle into my hand

and said, "here, take this train and have fun." And I have been doing just that ever since.

It is that sort of kindness, inclusiveness, and generosity that characterizes the best our hobby can be. There is no sugar-coating it, not everyone in the NMRA is like that, and that is what kept me from joining the NMRA for many years and is still a barrier to many potential members.

There is a very visible minority component of the NMRA that is off-putting. They don't play well with others because they might be a know-it all, say that there is only one way to participate in the hobby, think the NMRA should never change and are territorial, are quick to criticize unproductively but slow to jump in and help, or are just not nice. I believe such negative curmudgeons are reason people don't join and is the single biggest threat to the organization.

What I learned from Gil and Virginia is those curmudgeons shouldn't keep the rest of us from being encouraging, helpful,



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and conscientious in our service to the hobby, NMRA, and every model railroader we meet. The vast majority of our organization is composed of just such wonderful people, and every day I meet more.

"The people" is the single biggest reason I hear as to why modelers enjoy being a part of the NMRA. Whenever I hear that, I think of Gil and Virginia, and I wholeheartedly agree. And then I think of a lot of other people and agree even more.

As an example, the inclusion of Ezequiel Durán de Anda's article in this issue is a result of a group of LSR members rallying around our brother in Mexico for several years to smooth out problems and to try to provide a sense of community and support to him even though he is hundreds of miles away. Nothing could be more in the Freitag spirit and shows that spirit is continuing in all of you members of the LSR and NMRA.

After ten quick years and with the publishing of this issue of the *Marker Lamp*, I am stepping down as Publications Chair for the LSR and editor of the *Marker Lamp*. After taking the torch from editor, publisher and everything else extraordinaire Chuck Lind, I am turning over the reigns for hopefully the next ten years to the very capable hands of one of the hardest working people in the hobby, Peter Kazmir.

Peter has given tirelessly to the hobby as Division 4 director and treasurer, LSR Regional Convention Chair, the AMRS club as treasurer and a lot more, and as the head of our annual Austin Train Show. I'm sure he will enjoy learning from and working with and for you all as much as I have.

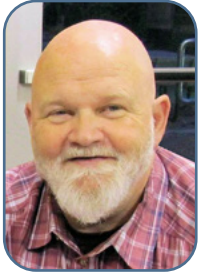
For me, I am moving on because I am now the Publications Department Head for NMRA National and publisher of the *NMRA Magazine*. There are several of us LSRers working at the national level now, and I can't help but tie this back to the inspiration for service that all of us have received from the Freitags over the past several decades.

I think this is evidence that the kindness and positive energy you give to the hobby has real and lasting effects that will benefit the NMRA and everyone you come in contact with even long after you are gone.

So I leave you with this: please try to take the time and make the effort like Gil and Virginia did to make model railroading and the NMRA a welcoming place and to help make some more lifetime model railroaders like they did for me and probably you, too.

Riley

Up the Tracks Events Calendar



*By Bill Dryden
NMRA & LSR Life Member*

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I have visited each of the web sites provided, however, you should (re)verify any event you are interested in attending before traveling to it.

Here are upcoming events within the LSR of which I am aware. I will provide all the information YOU send me or I can glean from other publications, websites, etc., for these events. Additional information may be available through the NMRA Scale Rails and/or various trade magazines or various websites. Also, note that all show times and dates are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization and are subject to change. Please forward any and all information about upcoming events or activities in your area, club, etc., to me via e-mail at bdr149@airmail.net.

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LSR Division 4 – Cen-Tex Division – Austin

The Cen-Tex Division meets bi-monthly at the Austin Northwest Recreational Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX. Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the Second Saturday of the odd months and include clinics, show-and-tell, DCC minute, social activities and a layout open house. For more information about upcoming meetings, see <http://centexnmra.org> or contact director@centexnmra.org to be added to the mail list.

LSR Division 8 - Texas Gulf Division – Houston

The Texas Gulf Division presents hands-on-clinics every second Saturday of each month at the Bayland Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. The clinic times are 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome. To be added to the Division 8 mailing list contact Jim Lemmond at jimlem@comcast.net. The Division 8 web site is <http://texasgulfdivision.org/>

Alamo Model Railroad Engineers - San Antonio

The Alamo Model Railroad Engineers meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Zucht Building at the Texas Transportation Museum, 11791 Wetmore Rd., San Antonio TX. For more information call Peter Shavney (210) 317-3661 or Gene Turner (210) 355-2777; or visit the web site www.alamomodelrailroadengineers.com.

Austin Model Railway Society - Austin

The Austin Model Railway Society is a HO scale modular group that is open to new members and meets once a month. For more information please email Riley Triggs at president@austinrailway.org or visit the web site www.austinrailway.org.

Houston Area "G" Gaugers - Rosenberg

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Houston Area "G" Gaugers (HAGG) model train club meets at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum to run their special trains on the tracks of the Garden Railroad Exhibit. The museum also hosts fun seasonal activities for the kids on this day. Steam engines, circus trains, patriotic trains or everyone's favorite Thomas? You never know what trains you'll see. Rosenberg Railroad Museum, 1921 Avenue F, Rosenberg, TX. More information: info@RosenbergRRMuseum.org.

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New Braunfels Railroad Museum

Kids Fun Day is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the New Braunfels Railroad Museum, 302 South San Antonio Street (in the 1907 Restored Railroad Depot), New Braunfels, TX. Museum phone (830) 627-2447. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to run model trains and become a Jr. Engineer. Also among the displays at the Kids Fun Day will be a large US Army Model Garden (G) Scale and Lego Trains. Visit our Steam Engine, Caboose, Dining Car (available for Birthday Parties) and Box Car. There will be other fun, train related activities, additional model trains, train artifacts, our 1907 depot are on display. The Railroad Museum opens at 10:00 am on Saturdays. For field trip scheduling and more information, call Howard Young (210) 542-6121, or visit us at www.nbrmm.org.

North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs – Irving

The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs (NTC) meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visit the website www.dfwtrainshows.com for more information about the NTC, its meeting site, member clubs or sponsored events.

San Antonio Model Railroad Association - San Antonio

The San Antonio Model Railroad Association, SAMRA, is open to new members and meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Bob Clarke Rail Heritage Museum, 7702 Narrow Pass, Live Oak, TX. Please visit our website www.samratx.org for information about our activities and their dates and times. Also, like us on Facebook.

South Texas Railroad Socials – San Antonio

The "Socials" are a casual gathering of train folks in South Texas, both modelers and prototype railfans. We gather quarterly for a couple hours of Clinics and Presentations, Show-n-Tell, regional news, Q&A and funny video clips. Not a meeting, not a club, just buy lunch at the restaurant and use their party room. Started in 2018, went virtual via Zoom in 2020, going hybrid in 2021 (back to in-person and virtual). Plus, we have Shop Talk, a quarterly 'project guys' round table gathering, in between the Socials. Read more, see photos from past Socials and find our next date, at www.SouthTexasRR.com.

Texas Northern Model Railroad Club – Dallas (North)

The Texas Northern Model Railroad Club business meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month and for regular meetings and on Thursday evenings and most Saturdays. If you like to operate, come by on Tuesday nights to join our weekly operation session. Located in North Dallas at 11999 Plano Rd., Suite 154, Dallas, TX 75243. For more information: www.texasnorthern.org.

Texas Western Model Railroad Club – Forest Hills

The Texas Western Model Railroad Club meets for its business meeting every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Club is located at 6808 Forest Hills Drive, Forest Hills, TX. For more information: (682) 587-2092 or www.twmrc.org or email cdo@twmrc.org.

EVENTS AND SHOWS

August

27th – 28th Austin Area Train Show 2022. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$8, Children 12 and under FREE with adult. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX. More information: info@austintrainshow.org or <https://austintrainshow.org/> or follow AMRS on Facebook!

October

1st – 2nd Fall 2021 Dallas Area Train Show. (Sponsored by the North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$10, Children 12 and under Free (w/ Adult Admission). Plano Civic Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX. More information: <https://www.dfwtrainshows.com/>

22nd – 23rd Annual Fall Train Show. (Sponsored by New Braunfels Railroad Museum). Sat. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm., Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Adults \$10 (14 & older), Child \$2 (5-13 years old) ("Cash only at the door"). New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX. More information: <http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows/> or jedmondson@satx.rr.com

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Austin Steam Train; Cedar Park, TX; (512) 477-8468; www.austinsteamtrain.org

Grapevine Vintage Railroad; Grapevine, TX; (817) 410-3185; www.gvrr.com

Old Hickory Railroad; Jackson, LA; (225) 634-7397; www.louisianasteamtrain.com

Texas State Railroad; Palestine & Rusk, TX; (888) 987-2461; www.texasstaterr.com

Please consider our deadlines for submittals and publications to allow adequate lead time to correctly announce your event – Column submission deadlines are the 15th of January, April, July and October; publication of the Marker Lamp is the middle of the following month.





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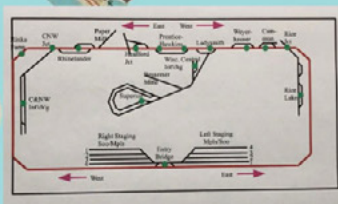


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Obituary

Gilbert Alden Freitag

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Gilbert "Gil" Alden Freitag was born in Houston, Texas in 1936 to parents Gus H Freitag Sr and Ruth Kaiser Freitag. He passed away peacefully on May 22, 2022. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Virginia Campo Freitag; his parents; his brothers Gus Freitag Jr and Ellis Freitag; his sisters Jean Freitag Stone, Jane Freitag Ford, and Nita Freitag Ankenbruck; and his grandson, Kenneth "Scott" Adkins Jr. Gilbert is survived by his siblings Evie Freitag Harrison and Greg Freitag; his five children, Denise Kubecka (James), Gilbert Alan Freitag (Emmy), Darlene LeBrock (David), Sharlene Miller (Mike), and Theresa Adkins (Ken); and 12 grandchildren, Stephanie Kubecka LeDuc (Nelson), Megan Kubecka, Paul Miller (Hannah), Steven Kubecka, Brandi Adkins, Mason Kubecka, Brittany Miller, Katie Freitag, Thomas Adkins, Kristen LeBrock, Madison LeBrock, and Allison Adkins; and countless other extended family members and friends.

Gilbert was a model husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend. He never sought limelight for himself, rather his mission and joy in life was to assist in elevating others. No matter how long and hard he worked, he always made time for family and friends. Whether it was kind words, helping with a project, or just having a cup of coffee and donuts with his brother on a Sunday morning, there was no denying his love for his wife, children, siblings, and the rest of his family. His childhood love of trains turned into a hobby that sent the family traveling from sea to shining sea, fostering deep friendships all along the way.

The line quickly blurred between friends and family. It was not uncommon to see some of his fellow railfans at family events. While Gilbert did not seek recognition, out of respect, he was presented with the first ever NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) Fellow Award in 2007. It remains the most prestigious award presented to any member of the NMRA, recognizing individuals who have shared and promoted the hobby of model railroading.

Life for Gilbert changed in many respects after his stroke twelve years ago. Thanks to the devotion of his wife, he continued to stay involved and connected with those who

loved him. This included being there for family milestones and continuing to open his home to hundreds of other railfans for Layout Tours and San Jacinto Model Railroad Club Christmas parties.

It was just five short weeks ago that we celebrated the life of his wife and partner, Virginia. It is difficult to talk about them separately because they were the perfect pair. It brings comfort knowing they are together again, continuing a love story that started 63 years ago when "fascination turned to love."

The Freitag family would also like to thank Darlene Reese, Rufus Lee and Freda Martin for their care and devotion to both Gilbert and Virginia. Their title might have been "caregivers," but we call them our second family. This was especially true after Virginia's hospitalization and passing, when it brought the family great comfort knowing Gilbert was never without someone who loved him by his side.

A visitation for Gilbert was held Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home, 6900 Lawndale Street, Houston, TX 77023 with a rosary at 8:00 PM.

An additional short visitation will be held Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7250 Harrisburg Blvd, Houston, TX 77011. A funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 AM with a reception after the mass from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the parish hall. A procession will leave the church at 1:45 PM for a graveside service at 2:00 PM at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale Street, Houston, TX 77023.

In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting you honor Gilbert's legacy by performing a random act of kindness without asking for anything in return or donating to your favorite charity.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the Freitag family at www.ForestParkLawndaleFH.com. **ML**





Gilbert Alden Freitag

May 11, 1936 – May 22, 2022

Teacher, Mentor, Friend

by Chuck Lind, MMR

I'm not exactly sure when I first met Gil and Virginia. It was either 1968 or 1969 while I was attending Sam Houston State University and came into town to buy some modeling supplies at G&G Hobbies. There I met Gil, and he asked what I was working on, I told him I was trying to scratch build a box car from an article in *Craftsman*.

During that brief meeting, I was told of a date that he would have his layout open. He invited me to be sure to come by. I returned on that date to see his layout which was in the attic of his garage. You got up on a platform and viewed the layout running in the attic area. I don't remember much else about the layout, but I do remember that I was welcomed in by Gil and Virginia and their hospitality, which impressed this young college kid.

After college, I married and moved to Dallas. I came back for a train show in 1973 that was held at a Catholic church somewhere near the Astrodome. I had brought a car that I built to enter in the contest. I remember that handshake and smile welcoming me into the contest room. It was Gil. We talked a little while I finished entering the model then I left to make one of the clinics. I returned to the contest room later in the day to pick up my model. The score sheet had a total which was somewhere around 35 points, but it had a note attached "see Gil". I went over to the table and Gil asked if I had some time. He wanted to discuss my model.

Gil called another of the judges, Jim Long, and I was told the car was better than my score, but I didn't tell the judges what I did on my score sheet. For close to an hour those two men asked me questions about how I built the car, what materials I used.

When it was over Gil handed me back my score sheet with an 89 and Jim handed me a merit award ribbon. Gil just had that big smile on his face and told me I needed to join the NMRA and to be sure and bring a model or two for the contest. On my trip back to Lewisville, I couldn't get Gil and Jim out of my mind and how they took this kid aside to work with him. I also joined the NMRA when I got back home and went to my first LSR convention. Because of Gil, I have been entering contests since then.

I was encouraged by Gil to work on becoming a Master Model Railroader. I remember I told him I didn't think I could, he said you will become a better modeler and he felt I had the skills. I started and stopped several times on my way to getting my MMR. Could I have gotten it without Gil and his clinics and encouragement, maybe. I first learned scenery in one of his clinics at an LSR Convention, my late son (maybe 10 years old at the time) assisted him. Gil said after the clinic if your young son could do it so could you.

When I started working on my MMR all track had to be hand laid. Gil did a clinic on scratch building a turnout for less than a dollar (it was in the 70s). I bet I went through \$10 of rail before I got a working turnout.

Structure's clinic on building tips again by Gil. Individual shingles cut from the cedar the cigars are wrapped in. Cars, motive power all learned from the clinics or talks in the contest room with Gil.

After I remarried and moved to College Station, I took my wife, Laurie to meet Gil and Virginia. She was also welcomed into this wonderful family of model railroading. At the fall layout tours a stop at Gil and Virginia's was always a must. When the LSR convention was to be held in Houston the following year I was walking down the stairs of their home and Gil, the clinic chair, told me that I was to do a clinic on "Scratch building" I said I have never done a clinic. He just smiled and said, "you will."

When I held my Golden Spike on my present layout, it was after Gil had his stroke, but he was on top on my list of folks to invite. Virginia and Gil were there, he had that big smile. I will miss them both at the November layout tours both at my place and visiting them. I will miss the calls from Virginia asking if I was ready for an inspection tour. Where they would drive up and check on my progress. I will miss that big smile.

Gil, thanks for the guidance, instruction, and encouragement.

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A layout in San Luis Potosí, Mexico

FERROCARRILES DON ANTONIO

text and photos by Ezequiel Durán de Anda



Ferrocarriles Don Antonio, es una maqueta de trenes en miniatura escala HO, ubicada en la ciudad de San Luis Potosí, México. Soy Ezequiel Durán de Anda, Ingeniero Civil egresado de la escuela Superior de Ingeniería y Arquitectura del Instituto Politécnico Nacional.

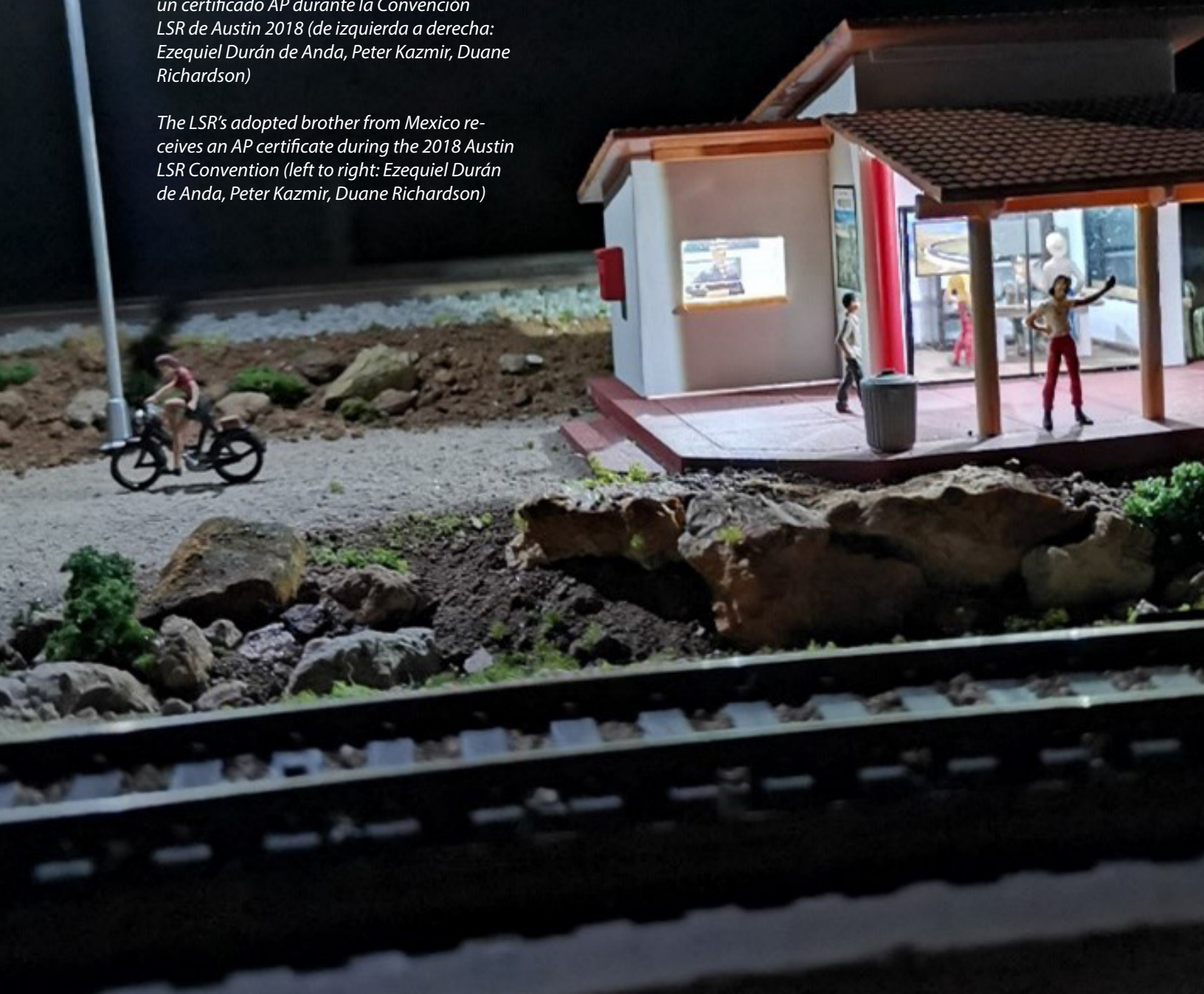
Ferrocarriles Don Antonio, is a scale model train in miniature HO, located in the city of San Luis Potosí, Mexico. I am Ezequiel Durán de Anda, a Civil Engineer graduated from the Higher School of Engineering and Architecture of the National Polytechnic Institute.





El hermano adoptivo de LSR de México recibe un certificado AP durante la Convención LSR de Austin 2018 (de izquierda a derecha: Ezequiel Durán de Anda, Peter Kazmir, Duane Richardson)

The LSR's adopted brother from Mexico receives an AP certificate during the 2018 Austin LSR Convention (left to right: Ezequiel Durán de Anda, Peter Kazmir, Duane Richardson)





Me aficioné al ferromodelismo desde que tenía 9 años de edad y la construcción de la maqueta inició hace un poco más de 31 años, pero aún sigue en proceso constructivo.

I have been fond of model railroading since I was 9 years old and the construction of the layout began a little more than 31 years ago, but it is still in a constructive process.

El cuarto donde se ubica la maqueta tiene en lo general 20 metros de largo por 8.50 metros de ancho (medidas interiores) con una reducción en una esquina de 1.15 por 4.70 metros y una adición en otra esquina de 1.10 por 2.41 metros, por lo que la superficie de la habitación resulta de 167.25 metros cuadrados (1,800.26 pies cuadrados). No tiene ventanas por lo que la iluminación en su totalidad es artificial, pudiéndose simular la noche perfectamente a cualquier hora del día y sólo hay un acceso.

The room where the model is located is generally 20 meters long by 8.50 meters wide (interior measurements) with a reduction in a corner of 1.15 by 4.70 meters and an addition in another corner of 1.10 by 2.41 meters, so that the surface of the room is 167.25 square meters (1,800.26 square feet). It does not have windows so the lighting in its entirety is artificial, being able to simulate the night perfectly at any time of the day and there is only one access.

El bench work está fijo en el piso y está formado principalmente por una estructura metálica formada por ángulo de 1 1/4" por 1/8" de espesor y contravientos de alambazón de 1/4" y la mesa principal contiene triplay de 1/2" pulgada de espesor. En el sitio donde no se forma la ciudad principal, la zona industrial y la casa redonda, el soporte está hecho con tiras de madera de diferentes medidas, pero principalmente es de 1 1/2 a 2" de sección y el largo es muy variable dependiendo de la forma o relieve del terreno natural. La altura de la estructura es de 90 centímetros (35.43 inches).

The benchwork is fixed on the floor and is mainly formed by a metal structure formed by an angle of 1 1/4" by 1/8" thick and wire braces of 1/4" and the main table contains plywood of 1/2" inch thickness. In the place where the main city, the industrial area and the round house are not formed, the support is made with strips of wood of different sizes, but it is mainly 1 1/2 to 2" in section and the length is very variable depending on the the shape or relief of the natural terrain. The height of the structure is 90 centimeters (35.43 inches).

La línea de las vías responde a un trazo topográfico, es decir las curvas forman círculos con radios bien definidos, marcando el centro de la curva, los principios de curva o PC y los principios de tangente o PT, la pendiente máxima de la vía es del 2.5 % y la vía está apoyada sobre corcho de 3 y 6 milímetros de espesor y 3 centímetros de ancho.

The line of the tracks responds to a topographic trace, that is to say, the curves form circles with well-defined radii, marking the center of the curve, the curve principles or PC and the principles of tangent or PT, the maximum slope of the track is 2.5% and the track is supported on cork 3 and 6 millimeters thick and 3 centimeters wide.



El escenario está basado en un diseño personal en lo general, sin embargo la población de Laguna Seca está inspirada en la estación real del ferrocarril del mismo nombre, una réplica de la Peña de Bernal (la tercera roca en tamaño más grande del mundo y ubicada en el estado de Querétaro) y la casa redonda sí están basadas en lugares existentes. Se cuenta también con una zona industrial, un patio de carga y tres estaciones de las cuales 2 son de pasajeros. Básicamente el escenario está formado por malla de alambre de mosquito recubierta de yeso al que se le agrega tierra de diferentes colores y texturas adherida al yeso con pintura de esmalte preferiblemente de color verde.

The scenery is based on a personal design in general, however, the town of Laguna Seca is inspired by the real railway station of the same name - a replica of the Peña de Bernal (the third greatest rock in the world and located in the state of Querétaro) and the round house are based on existing places. It also has an industrial area, a loading yard and three stations of which 2 are passengers. Basically, the stage is formed by mosquito net wire covered with plaster, to which is added soil of different colors and textures attached to the plaster with preferably green enamel paint.

El trazo de la vía, cuyo código es 100 excepto en las 35 vías de la casa redonda cuyo código es 85, cuenta con 4 espuelas y 7 laderos, 4 crucesos uno a 90° y 3 scratchbuild en recta y curvas, existe una Y griega y dos loops, mismos que permiten cambiar la dirección o sentido de los trenes, cabe mencionar que en el escape más largo se pueden almacenar 38 carros de carga de 40' de largo. La vía ha sido pintada con aerógrafo y pintura de diferentes colores, entre café y railroad tie de la marca Floquil y el acabado es con pintura negra mate muy diluida con thinner para semejar la mancha de grasa entre rieles, el balasto es de la marca Woodland Scenics B 94, B1373, B1393 y B1376. La casa redonda, asociada a la zona de abasto, tiene 4 vías de acceso a la mesa giratoria y 35 vías dentro de la estructura misma.

The trace of the track, whose code is 100 except in the 35 tracks of the round house whose code is 85, has 4 spurs and 7 passing sidings, 4 crosses one at 90 ° and 3 scratch build in straight and curves, there is a Greek Y and two loops, which allow changing the direction or sense of trains, it should be mentioned that in the longest exhaust you can store 38 cargo cars of 40 'length. The track has been painted with airbrush and paint of different colors, between coffee and railroad tie of the brand Floquil and the finish is with black matte paint very diluted with thinner to resemble the grease stain between rails, the ballast is of the brand Woodland Scenics B 94, B1373, B1393 and B1376. The round house, associated with the supply area, has 4 access tracks to the turntable and 35 tracks within the structure itself.



La maqueta cuenta con 125.40 metros de vía principal y 257.60 metros de vía secundaria, lo cual hace un total de 383.00 metros de vías (1,256.24 pies), aunado a lo anterior hay 80 cambios de vía, 19 puentes la mayoría de ellos fueron hechos en scratchbuild, con madera y estructuras de plástico, 13 túneles y 5 alcantarillas pluviales.

The layout has 125.40 meters of main track and 257.60 meters of secondary track, which makes a total of 383.00 meters of track (1,256.24 feet), coupled with the above there are 80 turn-outs, 19 bridges most of them were made in scratchbuild, with wood and plastic structures, 13 tunnels and 5 storm drains.

La iluminación de las edificaciones está basada en focos de filamento de 12 volts y ya recientemente con leds con voltaje de 3 volts. El Comando de Control Digital es el denominado Easy DCC de la empresa CVP Products y la distribución eléctrica y de señal digital se lleva a cabo a través de 5 Boosters y 10 distritos eléctricos. El control principal tiene 2 controles fijos y se cuenta con 3 controles inalámbricos, lo cual permite hoy en día correr 5 trenes al mismo tiempo.

The lighting of the buildings is based on filament bulbs of 12 volts and recently with LEDs with voltage of 3 volts. The Digital Command Control is the so-called Easy DCC of the company CVP Products and the electrical and digital signal distribution is carried out through 5 boosters and 10 electrical districts. The main control has 2 fixed controls and it has 3 wireless controls, which allows today you run 5 trains at the same time.



Tengo la gran satisfacción de ser miembro de la NMRA, además de contar con el mérito personal de ser el primer mexicano certificado con el título de "Model Railroad Engineer-Civil", otorgado en el mes de julio de 2019, encontrándome en proceso de certificación por el título de "Model Railroad Engineer- Electrical"

I have the great satisfaction of being a member of the NMRA in addition to having the personal merit of being the first Mexican certified with the title of Model Railroad Engineer-Civil granted in July 2019, and now I am in the process of certification for the title of Model Railroad Engineer- Electrical. **ML**



The 2022 LSR Convention in TEMPLE, TX



text and photos by Riley Triggs unless otherwise noted



This year's LSR Convention in Temple was another fun one. Convention chair and Centex Division director Bob Thiele worked non-stop for a year and a half to bring us together for an in-person event at the Temple Convention Center.

There were on-site modular layouts from the Gulf Western, AustNtrak, David Shoemaker, the South Plains, and Austin Model Railway Society with operating sessions across several days.

Lots of informative clinics were offered from many MMRs and members of the LSR plus four out of town guests: Mike Cougill of Richmond, Indiana; Bill Schneider of Higganum, Connecticut; Dean Smith from Rolla, Missouri; and Christina Zambri from Somerset, New Jersey.

The contest was expertly run by Duane Richardson and Ray Byer. Look for the results and photos of winners in the next issue, and see Joe Leising's report for all the people who helped make this convention a success.

Following are some images of the action. We are skipping the LSR convention next year in lieu of hosting the national convention, so we'll [see you in Grapevine!](#)



The Gulf Western modular layout



Jerry Hoverson MMR explains prototype signal history



Happy hour with prototype operation talk chaser



Thomas Stephens speaks on Arduino basics



John Lowrance MMR talks trees and other scenery techniques



Duane Richardson MMR explains the AP certificate and Master Model Railroader process



Thomas Stephens presents LED lighting basics



Bob Thiele kicks off the happy hour talk



Tom Pearson demystifies JMRI decoder programming



Pete Leach on painting scale figures



Don Winn talks scratch building for rolling stock AP certificate



Mike Cougill gives an introduction to P48



Chris Grote imparts 20 years of wisdom from the Gulf Western modular layout



Bill Schneider gives the inside scoop on his Old Woman railroad layout and a look inside Rapido's product development



Charles Goodrich MMR shares 50 years of prototype photos



Energetic Dean Smith is blurry in every photo



Phil Stewart on Louisiana sugar cane railroads



Mike Mackey MMR talks 3D printing techniques



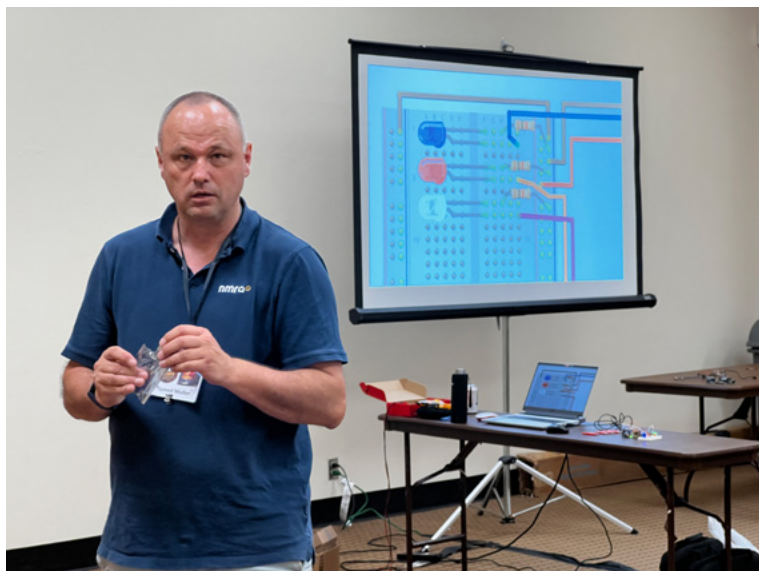
Charles Goodrich MMR and measuring devices in model railroading



Dean Smith explains the magic of Bob Ross (but mostly talks about layout scenery)



Bill Middlemas explains ESU decoder programming



The Rrrduino clinician currently known as Speed



Donna Orr asks to be photoshopped into more photos



Bill Dryden gets back to basics with a tip swapping session



Sam Nicastro speaks on Disney Trains



Bull session between things



Tim Blackwell talks about how to photograph your layout



Refinery on the Gulf Western modular layout



Tom Pearson operates downtown Austin on the Austin Model Railway Society modular layout



Contest room



AustNtrak skyscrapers



David Shoemaker prepares for operating session on his N scale T track modules



Marita Richards speaks on the Harvey House girls



Kickoff happy hour with entertainment



Kelly Russell MMR asks attendees, "what do you see in this photo?"



George Hollwedel and Jack Merkel discuss the best way to operate David Barrow's South Plains layout.



With apologies to all the great clinicians, models, layouts, and good company through out the week, this roadrunner was everyone's favorite.



Bob Thiele and Christina Zambri



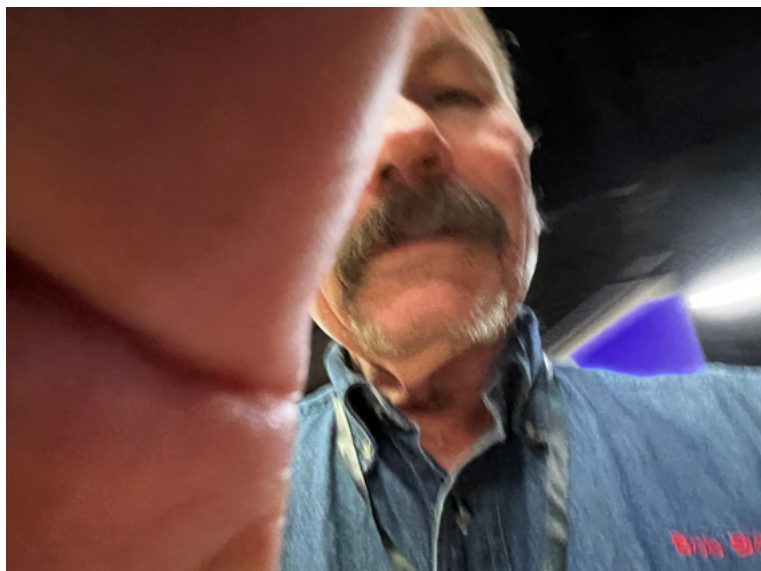
Arestless post-cocktail, pre-barbecue crowd



LSR President Donna Orr can't believe he said that.



Lourdes McCleary and Duane Richardson MMR discuss modeling techniques to the disbelief of onlooker.



Bob Barnett MMR (photo by Bob Barnett MMR)



2023 NMRA National Convention co-chairs Donna Orr and Mike Mackey MMR



Banquet keynote speaker Mike Cougill presents *Designing a Craft*



Banquet hall



Christina Zambri NMRA Marketing consultant plugs NMRA activities at the 2023 National Convention in Dallas



Don Winn presents Youth Award to Luke Williams



Duane Richardson presents Master Model Railroader plaque to Michael Ross MMR



Duane Richardson presents Master Model Railroader plaque to Tom Crosthwait MMR



Contest winners: front row left to right: Mike Mackey MMR, Helen Beggane, Divina Gato-Hogno, Lourdes McCleary, Joe Leising, back row left to right: Charles Goodrich MMR, Tom Greco MMR, Duane Richardson MMR, Bradley Linda, Geoffrey Hogno, Cole Rash, Russell Gifford



Bob Barnett MMR presents 2021 Freitag Service Award to Jeff Palmer MMR



Chuck Lind MMR presents 2022 Freitag Service Award to Riley Triggs (photo Bob Barnett MMR)

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INDY 2022 TRI-REGION CONVENTION

text and photos by Don Winn



NMRA President Gordy Robinson on what's happening at national

A joint regional convention called the IndyJunction was held in Indianapolis May 18-22. What made it unique was a joint effort of not 2, but 3 regions. But wait, there's more, it also included a 4th partner, an RPM (Railroad Prototype Modelers) convention. Did I mention there was also a train show? I'll share with you what stood out to me at the event, along with some thoughts on how we might apply some of these ideas to a future LSR convention.

The convention started on a Wednesday morning with clinics at 9:00. There were 8 clinic slots scheduled per day, for a total of 31 clinic slots that one could attend through Saturday night. Each time slot offered between 4 to 7 clinics to choose from. Drawing from the 3 regions plus the RPM, there were plenty of high quality clinics.

I came back with plenty of new ideas and techniques and tools to try. One of the most memorable clinics was Stephen Priest's story (always the showman) of how they pulled the last remaining Santa Fe Bicentennial SD45-2 out of the scrapper's yard and completed its cosmetic restoration.

As seen at NMRA national conventions, there were 2 sessions of Modeling with the Masters hands-on clinics, this one featuring painting techniques using common craft paint. I attended and had a great ah-ha moment with a great technique

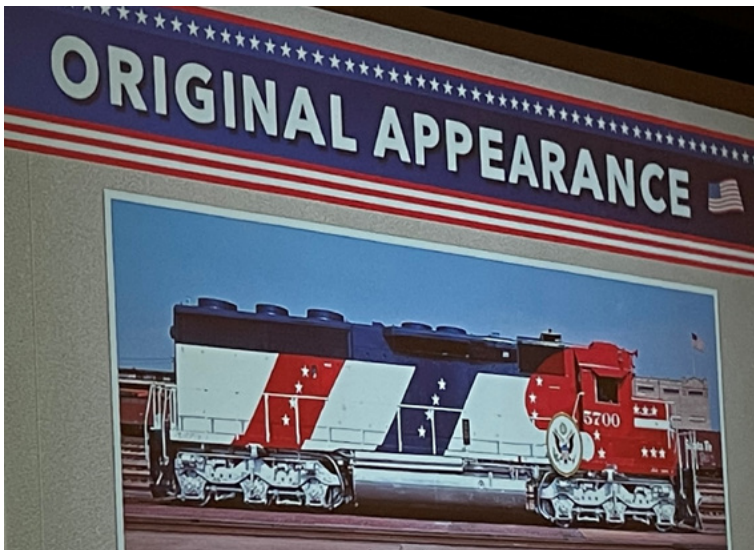
for applying a mortar coat to a brick building.

Of course there was a contest room with many fine models, and that was in addition to the fine models on display in the RPM room.





Modeling with the Masters



The story of the last remaining Santa Fe Bicentennial



Vendor room



Layouts in the lobby

The Train Show ran Friday through Sunday in 2 ballrooms. One room was focused on manufacturers and dealers with new-in-box sales, while the other room focused on a swap meet format. There were several national firms represented, although the rooms were not filled to capacity. Earlier in the week, before the train show, there was a Rail Yard Sale, somewhat like our silent auctions, but this one had fixed prices. The items were available for viewing for a day, and then a first-come-first-served buying frenzy (think like what Black Friday used to be like at 6 AM). After the rush hour, I was still able to find 8 Kadee boxcars for a good price (as if I need more 40' boxcars). I heard that the sales topped \$20,000, with 10% profit going to the regions.

The lobby area had 6 modular layouts running, in addition to a layout in the RPM room and a T-Trak layout in yet another ballroom. The LDSIG and OPSIG had information ta-

bles set up, as did the 2022 St. Louis convention. Lots of stuff to look at between clinics.

President Gordy was invited to attend and held several meetings to get the word out on what the NMRA is doing moving forward. I attended his session on the NMRA in the 21st Century. It was very inspiring. The general theme is that there are changes coming, with the goal is to make all NMRA members feel welcome in the organization.

There were also ops sessions, prototype tours, layout tours and a non-rail program. You couldn't do it all. The timetable also listed other things to do around town, like go to the Indy 500 Museum, other museums, the zoo, etc.

I don't know the final attendance, but it was over 500 early in the week. Wow. Not too shabby for a regional convention.



Layouts in the lobby



Contest room



From my personal perspective, was it worth traveling to Indianapolis? Absolutely. I concur with a comment I heard from another participant that they would rather attend (2) 4-day conventions like this one rather than an 8-day national convention.

What lessons learned could be applied to future LSR joint conventions?

- I think pulling in the RPM was a definite plus. That brought in more awesome models to look at, along with more clinicians and of course, more participants.
- All clinics were presented twice. This helped fill in the schedule, and for the participants that provided great flexibility on catching the clinics that were of the most interest to them.
- The RailYard sale was a hit (and a nice profit)
- The Modeling with the Masters clinic was great. For me anyway, I learn more by doing than by listening
- Modular layouts in the open meeting areas were a great addition (as they were in Temple).

- The train show was so-so, but I think it's hard to get good participation at a one-off train show vs. an annual event. The 2020 convention in Houston tied into a popular annual train show was probably a much better way to do it.
- Locating the convention at a major interstate crossroads and a large international airport I think is critical if one is trying to pull in 500+ attendees.
- Inviting Gordy to attend is always a plus.
- Maybe the most important lesson was the promotion and organization of the convention. It was very well done. They got the word out early across their regions and across the country and started a buzz that generated momentum.
- Once you got on their email list you received updates that were frequent enough to communicate what is changed or new, but not so often to be annoying. Hey – they convinced me to attend, and I glad they did.

Certainly something to think about.

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Mockup Alley
by Riley Triggs



Wanted! Nominees for the LSR 2022 Youth Award

- **Who:** Any boy or girl 18 years old or younger with an interest in model railroading.
- **Where:** One nominee from each LSR Division.
- **A past awardee:** May be renominated for another year if they meet the qualifications specified in the LSR Constitution. **Contact Jim Lemmond jimlem@comcast.net**

How: Fill out the special Youth Award Membership Form available on <http://www.lonestarregion.com/>

When: Submit your nomination to **your LSR Division Director** by December 1, 2022.

For more information contact:
Jim Lemmond, Youth Chairman: jimlem@comcast.net

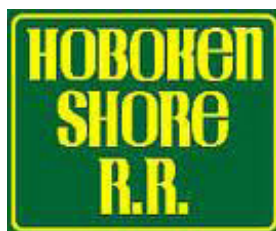


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Payment should be made out to:
LSR NMRA

Contact Speed Muller
lsrtreasurer@huntatrophyp.com

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peter@kazmir.net

Lone Star Region Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022 Temple, Tx



MINUTES OF THE LONE STAR REGION BOARD MEETING Temple, Texas – May 05, 2022

President **Donna Orr** called the Annual Board meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

Roll call

All of the officers, directors and committee chairpersons were present except:

Voting Board Members:

Michael Harang
Ken Mason
Rod Fredericks
Don Kimmell

Non-voting Board Members:

None



Visitors

Chris Mann, Christina Zambri, Jessica Devorsky, Cliff Scherer.

Motion 1: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Secretary Jeff Palmer provided a motion and **Phil Stewart** seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve, as published the Minutes of the January 29, 2022 Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting published in the **2022 Winter** issue of **The Marker Lamp**. The motion designated as **2022-05-05 LSR Motion 1** passed.

Motion 2: Suspend Robert's Rules

President Donna Orr provided a motion and **Jeff Palmer** seconded to suspend Robert's Rules O Order for Annual LSR Board Meeting. The motion designated as **2022-05-05 LSR Motion 2** and it passed.

Officers Reports

President Donna Orr

I know that our Board members originally joined the NMRA because trains are an important part of your lives. But you volunteer your time to help others enjoy trains. Each member of the Board of Directors, whether it be officer, Director or chair position, has a very important role with regard to our region. Your independent ideas are the way we accomplish what tasks we have at hand, from revising bylaws to working on the annual Regional Conventions, to meeting our 501C3 requirements and to writing those dreaded reports.

This month we have lost one of our Board members, Virginia Freitag. Virginia was our Non-rail chair for as long as most of us can remember. She devoted many hours and years helping others enjoy LSR NMRA conventions. I've watched Virginia make sure that every detail is covered and everything is in place for every project she worked on. Thank you, Virginia, for all you have done to help us along that way and you will definitely be missed.

My report is a short one this time. I'll end it with thanking each of you for your time that you devote to our region becoming better every year.

Vice President Ray Byer

Good day Y'all, Hope all is well with your family and friends. I would like to start with a Big Thank You to all who reelected me back as Vice President. I am humbled for that.

As VP I was asked to chair a group to take a look at the LSR By-Laws, to see if any updates were needed. And there were somethings that I found, so I asked the LSR Board and Dept Chairmen, to also look at them and they did. They found more than what I seen, with the comments from the group. The By-Laws Committee (Me. Pete and Speed) met and went thru all the changes to see if they were valid. Then we presented them to the LSR Board for approval and they were. Thank you to all who helped doing this process.

Secretary Jeff Palmer

Since our January 30, 2022 BOD meeting, the LSR Secretary worked with the Nomination Chair, Pete Leach, to hold the 2022 LSR Officers election in March. The first phase of the process is to identify the candidates, and obtain their profile. This phase was closed on January 1, 2022. The second phase was to turn all of the profiles over to the web chair and the building of the election website - <https://geekwithtrains.com>. The last phase is to report back to the Nomination Chair with the online results to be merged with the snail mail results. This has been done and the results are in – see Nomination Chair Report.

In each of the months since the BOD meeting, the secretary posted the NMRA Roster Reports.

Currently the secretary is trying to pull together the various reports from the other LSR Officers and Chairs in preparation of the May 5, 2022 BOD meeting. The cooperation of the officers and chairs is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to the 2022 convention in Temple.

As covered in the Web chair Report, the LSR Website continues to be stable. I would also like to thank Chris Atkins for allowing the LSR to use the <https://geekwithtrains.com> website to hold our elections.

One last note, please remember in your reporting that education is our prime directive and to hi-lite it where possible in your reporting.

Treasurer Gert “Speed” Muller

The Treasurer’s Report, was submitted by email to the Board members and is summarized as follows:

Net Worth - as of April 30th, 2022

Assets:	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Bank of America Fund	\$44,580.70
Outstanding Checks	\$ -58.00
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$44,522.70
Total Assets	\$ 44,522.70
Liabilities	
Restricted Funds for Bob Clark Award	\$ 528.86
Restricted Funds for DeLattre Fund	\$ 578.00
Restricted Funds for Division 7	\$ 150.50
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,257.36
Overall Total Net Worth	\$ 43,265.34

Treasurer's Financial Report

by Speed Muller, LSR Treasurer, lsrtreasurer@hunatrophycorp.com, +1 (469) 345-0022

2021/22 Financial Year:

Beginning Balances (2021/05/01)	
LSR Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 41,821.37
Tulsa Convention Advance	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Beginning Total LSR Net Worth (A)	\$ 42,821.37
Liabilities	\$ 1,355.86
Bob Clark Fund	\$ 528.86
Division 5&7 in Escrow	\$ 167.00
Delattre Fund	<u>\$ 660.00</u>
Outstanding Checks	\$ 429.48
Future Advances due	<u>\$ -1,000.00</u>
Starting Bank Saldo	\$ 43,606.71
LSR Proceeds	
Dealer Ad	\$ 20.00
Pike Ad	\$ 0.00
Convention Proceeds	\$ 761.49
NMRA Rebate	<u>\$ 1,561.00</u>
Total Proceeds (B)	\$ 2,342.49
Disbursements	
Youth Membership Program	\$ 40.00
Membership Chair Expenses	\$ 72.91
Treasurer Expenses and Postage	\$ 20.65
President Expenses and Postage	\$ 87.19
NMRA rebates to Divisions	\$ 780.50
Convention Advanced	\$ 0.00
Audio Visual Expenses	\$ 217.44
Marketing	\$ 575.00
Website Expenses	<u>\$ 104.83</u>
Total Disbursements (C)	\$ 1,898.52
Net Proceeds-Disbursements (B-C)	\$ 443.97
Updates to Restricted Funds (D)	\$ -98.50
Div 5 Escrow Payout	\$ -40.50
Div 7 Rebate to Escrow	\$ 24.00
Delattre Membership	<u>\$ -82.00</u>
Advance Acc. (Tulsa Conv.)	\$ -1000.00
Ending Balances (2022/04/30)	
LSR Unrestricted Accounts (E=A+B-C)	\$ 43,265.34
Future Advance (H)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total LSR Net Worth (J=E+H)	\$ 43,265.34
Liabilities (F)	<u>\$ 1,257.36</u>
Bob Clark Fund	\$ 528.86
Division 5&7 in Escrow	\$ 150.50
Delattre Fund	<u>\$ 578.00</u>
EOY Accounting Bank Saldo (M=J+F)	\$ 44,522.70
Outstanding Checks (K)	<u>\$ 58.00</u>
Current Bank Saldo (G=M+K)	\$ 44,580.70

Advisor Chuck Lind

Due to a mild case of Covid I was not able to attend our January Board meeting. I reviewed the Bylaws and commented on some of the history as to why parts were written like they were.

Looking forward to a great convention in Temple.

Directors Reports

Division 1 Director Mike Mackey reported:

2022 has been a successful year for Division 1 so far. February's meeting attendance hit 61 which was a new record for us... until March! Attendance in March reached 64!! We are hoping that before the end of the year to reach 80+ at a meeting.

We have two new slogans that we are pushing this year in D1. The first is "Helping You Make Your Model Railroading Dreams a Reality." Our division wants to be a central support location for hobbyists who want to become better modelers! To that end, we have already lined up outstanding clinics that will support that goal through the end of first quarter 2023.

Our second slogan is "If You Do Nothing, Expect Nothing as a Result!" Too many times we hear someone say, "I'm not getting anything out of the NMRA." If someone doesn't put any effort into the organization, the second slogan will certainly be fulfilled. We are hoping to use the slogan as a "Call to Arms" for members to stand up and be active in our organization! Superior achievements can happen with unified efforts and teamwork!

Be sure to check out our monthly meetings on the division YouTube channel via our website at www.cowcatcherdivision.org. We are seeking as many subscribers as we can so that we can monetize our YouTube channel for the benefit of the division. All proceeds will help us give more back to the hobby in the form of enhanced education and programs.

Division 2 Director Ken Mason reported:

Since this will officially be my last report as Division 2 Director, I am happy to report that as of the end of April, 2022 the outer roof of the Crescent City Model Railroad Club building in Metairie, Louisiana has been repaired. The club could not do an entire new roof, but the damage and holes in the roof are fixed and sealed up. The inner ceilings are next and progress is being made finally. Hopefully once the inner ceilings are done there won't be too much to do to replace some damaged scenery and to get trains running again on the Crescent Lines.

In other news I have heard the the Mid South Club in Baton Rouge has lost their space for the layout and has had to move it into storage. They are on the lookout for a new location for it and hopefully will find a place soon. Unfortunately that means they have had to suspend operations until such time they find a suitable space and can rebuild the layout.

Good luck to the returning Division 2 Director, Rod Fredericks.
Rod will once again do a great job for the Bayou Division.

Division 3 Director Charles Goodrich reported:

Division 3 has continued live meetings with attendance slowly increasing to pre pandemic levels. Attendance has averaged about thirty people per meeting. Clinics presented were Charles Goodrich with a program entitled "50 Years of Railroad Photography, Thomas Stephens showed a clinic on "A New Way of Applying Decals, Craig Tribuzi show how he did spin casting to make detail parts and Thomas Stephens gave a clinic on Using Arduinos for Turnouts and Control Panels.



The Plano Train Show was a success this year. Division 3 members put on clinics for the show as well as a couple of booth clinics at the division booth. The show is sponsored by both Division one and three and is held twice a year. The NMRA booth signed up eighteen new members including eight from Division 1, nine for Division 3 and one for the Mid-Continent Region.

Division 3 meets at Christ the King Lutheran church in Allen. The church has been very gracious in providing a meeting place and lets our group concentrate on meeting content instead of finding a place to meet. Meetings are held on the third Saturday each month at 10:00 AM unless there is a conflict with other events.

We continued our segment on Tips and Tricks. Some of these included wiring turnouts, making a dental probe stand in for applying decals among others.

Still popular is the show and tell segment where members bring what they are working on to show the group. This is a venue that allows people to show off their modeling skills and gives people a chance to be more involved.



Division 4 Director Bob Thiele reported:

The Division has started a program for the bi monthly meetings which serves all members of the Division. For the last two meetings the Division has held in person meetings while broadcasting the meeting live on Zoom. The Zoom meeting are set up so that zoom participants can interact with fellow members. In the future when the clinics involves hands on projects, arrangements will be made for participants to get the needed material.

For the past year the total focus of the Division has been on preparing for the 2022 LSR convention. The main goal is to return to normalcy with clinics, operating sessions, railfanning and gathering for great conversation. There will be three days of continuous clinics, four operating layouts within the convention center, and a large lobby area for gathering and exchanging ideas and friendships.

We have invited four special guest to present their ideas and talents to the attendees. We also have located on the website a map of the best railfanning site all within the city limit. All the site are within 10 minutes of the convention center or the hotels. This year there will be a banquet with keynote speaker Mike Cougill.

Division 5 Director Books Willig

Greetings from West Texas. I am pleased to report Division 5 is on the hi-ball and continuing on down the line. Since January 2022, the division has gained 5 new members, and our monthly Zoom meetings continue with great success. Over the last 4 monthly meetings in 2022, there have been an average of 11 people in attendance for each meeting. Many members from other divisions have also joined in to watch and help present clinics each month. I am truly thankful for everyone that attends. I would like to see Division 5 becoming a great resource to not only the modelers in West Texas but across the whole NMRA organization.

In January we had Robert Thomas from Division 6, present his layout The Crawford and Cherokee.

Mike Mackey joined us for the February meeting to show how scenery can be built using craft florist foam. We even had Michelle Kempema from the Colorado Railroad museum tune in to see Mike's clinic.

March's meeting featured Pete Leach, MMR to present his Maine 2ft narrow gauge layout Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington.

Duane Richardson presented in April, and discussed tips and tricks on craftsman structure kits. While he was presenting Duane, was also building a small laser kit he designed to demonstrate various techniques.

You don't want to miss future meetings in 2022, there are some great presenters and topics in the line-up. May will feature Greg McComas' layout, The Michigan Interstate. In June, Tony Privitt will be on to talk about the Harvey House in Slaton, TX. Sante Fe modelers will want to tune in to listen to this presentation.

Please sign up to be on the Division 5 email list to be notified of upcoming clinics and monthly Zoom meetings. Go to: <http://ee-purl.com/hRLLm9> Everyone is welcome to join in.

Division 6 Don Winn reported:

One of our long-time members, Tom Crosthwait, has completed all of the requirements for his Cars AP certificate and with that has become our newest Master Model Railroader. Congratulations to Tom!!!



All of the clubs in the area are back to normal operations. The SAMRA club has completed some facility repairs and is beginning to build out the gulf branch line.

The South Texas Railroad Socials met in March with some great clinics and models for Show N Tell.



Our ad hoc convention committee, chaired by Joe Leising, has been having some good discussions on how to help bring regional conventions to the smaller divisions. In addition to that goal, I find that we may not be providing excellent conventions for several demographic groups, including working people, students and those on a tight budget. I believe that being more inclusive with those groups should be one of our LSR goals.

Additional details of local activities can be found in my quarterly reports to the Marker Lamp.

Division 7 Director Don Kimmell reported:

Membership has been holding steady, no gains and no losses. With the various restrictions being eased we may see some

increased interactions.

I have had some discussions with the Division Members concerning a future LSR convention in North Louisiana, the interest is very low. Seeing as very few division members have attended recent conventions, this is understandable. I will keep trying.

Jefferson, Texas will be having their Train Show on May 14/15 this year. They told me they are seeing an increased interest with some vendors. While it is not a "big" show, there is a lot to do in that historic town.

The same weekend in May, the re-named Shreveport Railroad Museum & The Old City Waterworks will be having their Annual Show. This is a one-day affair, 10am-4pm.

Division 8 Director Phil Stewart reported:

The first quarter of 2022 has been busy for Division 8. We started out the year with a great clinic from Kelly Russell on the achievement program. Kelly answered lots of questions and discussed each achievement award in detail. Thanks to Kelly's thorough presentation I'll bet there is a lot more achievement awards this year. March's clinic featured another MMR, Steve Sandifer on how railroads moved livestock from goats to giraffes. The study of realistic train operations is one of the most fascinating parts of the hobby. Continuing with the history theme our third MMR presenter in May will be Bob Barnett who will tell us about history of local railroads serving Texas in the 20 th. century. So many of our members are a treasure trove of information on realistic operations and the history of America's heritage roads.

Division 8 members also participated in the very successful San Jacinto Model Railroad Club's Greater Houston Train Show. Considering this was a new venue for the club the turnout was fantastic despite having a bad storm in the afternoon. Having strong local clubs like San Jacinto really help boost the profile of the Division.

And finally, a big tip of the engineer's cap to Division 8 member Jim Lemmond who has done an outstanding job in serving as the Youth Chair of the region. Jim has helped a lot of youth get involved in our hobby and we are very grateful for that.

Director-At-Large Marc LaChey reported:

As we emerge from our pandemic related hibernation, like many of you, I have resumed a life with more public engagement. That means attending train shows, divisional meetings, operating sessions and just getting together with fellow model railroaders.

Aside from learning more about operations, my focus has been on the Achievement Program Cars certificate and the requirement to scratch build four cars. So, I have been spending time scratch building four cars, one of which will be a model of the passenger rider gon used on the Georgetown Loop Railroad and the other three being models of logging cars converted from high side gondolas by the Rio Grande Southern in the early 1940s. Each step of construction has been a learning opportunity. And while each step of the construction process has slowed me down until I have thought through and attempted the next step, once I have accomplished the next step, I realize that I have learned something and gained in my confidence. So, when you hear our regional AP program chair, Duane Richardson says that working toward your Master Model Railroader designation will make you a better modeler, I am here to confirm and support what Duane has been saying. So, give the AP program a try, you will learn from doing so.

Lastly, thank you for allowing me to serve as a Director at Large in the LSR.

Director-At-Large Pete Leach reported:

The past 6 months has flown by for me. I seem to spend a LOT of time on ZOOM calls, for work AND Model Railroading! But I am not complaining about the latter!

I was recently a member of a committee appointed by Donna Orr to review the LSR By-Laws. After receiving suggestions from other Board Members, the committee lead by Ray Byer consolidated them into a document for review. A BoD meeting was called to review the changes.

As the Nomination Chair, I would like to thank those members who stepped up to run or to run again for the open LSR

offices. It is important that folks from around the region remain active in the organization. Running for a Board of Directors position is one very important way support the LSR. This region depends on those willing to give some of their time to keep this region strong. We will need to start thinking about next year's election soon!

On the modeling front, I've completed a couple of projects for articles to be published by White River Productions. First, I kitbashed an HOn30 Vulcan Forney model into one resembling a Portland Company built product. I used the mechanism (motor, frame, gearing, and wheels) from Toma Model Works from Japan and scratch built a new superstructure (boiler, cab, and tank). An article is planned for the 2022 HOn3 Annual from WRP later this year.

A second project resulted in an article that was published in the March/April issue for the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette. The project consisted of detailing a scene with a dinghy boat and fisherman. The boat was a poorly detailed casting that I upgraded to make it more realistic. The fisherman was part of set of 6 figures I painted over a few weekends. This was a new skill I achieved by doing a little research into techniques and some trial-and-error. I am very happy with the results and may have to go back and paint the many "factory painted" people on my layout.

I used the figure painting experience, along with many photos taken during the process to create a clinic on Painting Figures. I presented this to the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club during the January meeting. I will be presenting this clinic at the LSR convention in Temple.

I continue to write a monthly article on modeling for the San Jac club newsletter: DERAIL. This has been a fun experience that began in 2017. Having a deadline helps keep me in the train room!

As mentioned in the opening, I attend several ZOOM meetings with various model railroad groups. One of my favorites is a group of Maine Two Foot modelers and authors from around the world. I conducted a clinic in February on how I scratch built a specific Maine 2-Foot boxcar. The clinic was well received, and I was given a lot of helpful feedback to make historically accurate models. Most of the attendees know a LOT more about the subject matter than I, so the information was appreciated.

I presented a clinic on my layout to the Division 5 in March via ZOOM. I gave some background on the prototype and how I designed the layout to fit into a spare bedroom.

I am looking forward to attending the LSR convention in Temple. I hope to see some old friends and make new ones.



Figure 1 - Engine No 6 approached the enclosed water tank to top. The HOn30 loco was kitbashed from a Toma Model Works engine. An article on how it was converted is planned for the 2022 HOn3 Annual.
2 - No 70 crosses on a trestle under steam at the Dollywood Park in Pidgeon Force, TN

Director-At-Large Darrell Cowles reported:

Lots of things happening around the DFW area in the past few months. Much talk of the upcoming 2022 regional convention in Temple, and planning continues for the 2023 National Convention here. Planning meetings have been held and facilities tour of the Gaylord Resort was attended by many of the staff.

Clubs seem to be getting some growth now that we are out of the shadow of the pandemic and able to have open meetings. This was evident at the March Division 1 meeting with 60 people present plus some more on Zoom. The Texas Western club has picked up 3-4 new members since the first of the year.

Department Reports**Achievement Chair Duane Richardson** reported:

The following certificates have been awarded since our last board meeting.

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FIRSTNAME	NAME	Certificate	Date
Tom	Greco	Prototype Modeler	7/21/2021
Kelly	Russell	Cars	7/21/2021
Kelly	Russell	MMR	7/21/2021
Pete	Leach, MMR	Volunteer	7/21/2021
Randall	Wilson	Author	7/21/2021
Robert	Ashcraft	Civil	7/21/2021
Christopher	Palermo	Official	7/21/2021
PJ	Mackey	Volunteer	7/21/2021
Tom	Greco	Cars	7/21/2021
David	Crumpton	Civil	9/20/2021
Michael	Harang	Volunteer	10/20/2021
Michael	Harang	Author	10/20/2021
Don	Winn	Cars	10/20/2021
Dean	Ferris	Electrical	10/20/2021
Dean	Ferris	Author	10/20/2021
Michael	Ross, MMR	Cars	11/20/2021
Michael	Ross, MMR	MMR	11/20/2021
James	Knabb	Volunteer	11/20/2021
Tom	Crosthwait, MMR	Cars	1/20/2022
Tom	Crosthwait, MMR	MMR	1/20/2022
Betty	Mitchell	Volunteer	2/20/2022
Lourdes	McCleary	Structures	3/20/2022
Scott	Parker	Structures	3/20/2022
Russell	Gifford	Golden Spike	4/20/2022

As earlier reported, this includes our 3 new MMR's.

Contest Co-chairs Ray Byer, Jeff Palmer reported:

Since the Tulsa Convention, there were unused plaques that have been repurposed for the Temple Convention, saving the LSR hundreds of dollars. For this, I want to give a special thanks to Duane Richardson for his ingenuity, and sense of thriftiness.

Changing the name of the Art's and Crafts Best of Show award to the Virginia Freitag Award was a no brainer and easy to accomplish. Anyone who worked with Virginia knew that the awards were more subjective than objective. As the leader and the Non-Rail Chair, Virginia ruled her domain with the care and devotion she exemplified in private life. That subjective approach to judging allowed the easy transition of an already existing award to be renamed.

In the specific case of Gil Freitag, the renaming of an award was not an option to honor his contributions to the LSR. On the modeling side of the contest room, there are five areas that a model must address, Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish and Lettering, and Scratch Built. Each area has a complexity scale, and rules that must be met. In other words, greater objectivity. The question that faced Ray and I of "How to honor Gil" was daunting. San Jac already had the Freitag Award for service, so creating a service award for the LSR in Gil's name was confusing and entered an area of competition that neither of us wanted to venture into. Gil's passion was scratch building. Looking over the existing awards, we had precedence in the "Bob Clark Award" for logging and mining. Using the "Bob Clark Award" as the model, Ray and I decided to create the "Gil Freitag Award" for scratch building.

Gil Freitag Award – Highest scoring scratch-built model, as defined by NMRA scratch-built definition – 90% of all

parts. The model can be a structure, locomotive, car, or diorama (model(s) must be scratch built) used in or depicting prototypical railroad operation. In the case of a tie, Construction points will serve as the tie-breaker. For a model to be considered, it must be a meriting model. This award does not need to be awarded if no model qualifies. Since this is a new category for the Contest, it will be published in the Marker Lamp, starting with this report, and with follow-up articles to be published later. Ray and I are looking forward to judging this new category.

Convention Chair Joe Leising reported:

Bob Thiele and the 2022 Convention Crew have been on top of their game and have a fantastic convention scheduled May 5 – 7, 2022 at the Mayborn Convention Center in Temple, TX. In addition to a focus on prototype modeling, a great effort has been made to make convention activities fun and convenient. This will be a once-a-year do-not miss opportunity to learn new or different aspects of modeling and to enjoy the company of other members of our LSR community. I shall be looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Cowcatcher Division 1 and Trinity River Division 3 will be co-hosting the Annual NMRA Convention in 2023, in lieu of a regional convention. This will be the third time that an NMRA Convention has been held in Texas, both times before have been in Houston, the last time was in 1989. Thirty-four years later, this will be the first time that a National NMRA Convention will take place in North Texas.

On March 29th, the 2023 Texas Express Convention Committee had a dinner meeting with guests Ed Slintak and John Schindler of the Meeting and Trade Shows (M&TS) Department of the NMRA. The Convention Committees presenting progress reports and exchanged information with each other and the M&TS. Great progress is being made as we work towards the 2023 Texas Express Annual NMRA Convention. 2023 convention registrations will be opening soon. Save the dates of August 21 – 26, 2023 for next year's convention.

On March 30th a site-visit took place at the Gaylord Texan Hotel, the venue for the 2023 convention. Several committee members attended the walk-thru and had the opportunity to learn more about the facility and how it would work into their efforts for the NMRA Convention. After the walk-thru members of the Convention Committee and the M&TS met with the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau and hotel staff to gather more information and knowledge for the 2023 convention.

Division 5 Director Brooks Willig and the Texas Panhandle & West Texas Division will be hosting the LSR convention in 2024. Research is currently being done on the dates and location for the 2024 convention.

A special committee has been appointed to create the tools to assist all LSR Divisions to host a regional convention. The project is intended to get all of the LSR divisions to participate in the annual convention rotations, provide guidelines to assist in the process, and resources that will contribute to hosting the annual LSR conventions, in addition to the aspects of the annual convention that is already being done by the LSR. This will ultimately provide every division to embrace the opportunity to host a LSR convention.

For 2025, we are looking for a division to step up to host the regional convention. Who wants to showcase the talents of local modelers layouts? Who wants to share the prototypes that are in their neighbor? Who wants to stimulate the economy in their area, and for their division? Who wants to show their support of the LSR and our members by hosting a convention? Contact Joe Leising at 817 – 312 – 6615 or at Joe@Leising.com before this terrific opportunity has passed you by, and let's start planning for the LSR 2025 convention.

Education Chair, John Lowrance reported:

LSR EDUCATION REPORT: Having just reviewed and revised the LSR bi-laws, you all know that they require a very detailed report due to both the LSR Board and to the NMRA National Education Department. I prepared a "Lone Star Region (LSR) Education Report" form from the information required by the bi-laws and emailed it to each of the division directors and department chairmen who's departments (Youth, Clinics, Contest, etc.) dealt with the information covered in this report. This being the first time they have been formally asked, there were few replies. I held this report to review the reports post-

ed on the web site for those not submitting, but it was not a good idea and made this report late (I will not go to directors reports for the data in the future). The required education report follows:

LONE STAR REGION (LSR) EDUCATION REPORT – APRIL 2022

Number division Clinics held: 13

Title 1: Using Arduinos for Turnouts & Control Panels	Presenter: Thomas Stephens
Title 2: Centrifugal Casting of Detail Parts	Presenter: Craig Tribuzi
Title 3: New Way of Applying Decals	Presenter: Thomas Stephens
Title 4: Fifty Years of Railroad Photograph	Presenter: Charles Goodrich MMR
Title 5: Budget Model Railroading	Presenter: James Knabb
Title 6: Ground Goop	Presenter: Jeff Palmer
Title 7: Gap master Revisited	Presenter: Rodney Doster
Title 8: The Transition Era – Steam to Diesel	Presenter: Thomas Stephens
Title 9: Operation Lifesaver/Railroad Safety (X2)	Presenter: Don Kimmell
Title 10: NMRA Achievement Program	Presenter: Kelly Russell
Title 11: How Railroads moved livestock	Presenter: Steve Sandifer MMR
Title 12: History of local (Houston) Railroads	Presenter: Bob Barnett

Clinics held at the last LSR Convention: 1 (there were more, but I did one)

Title 19: Setting the Scene	Presenter: John Lowrance MMR
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Number of Division Contests held: 0

Total number of entries: 0

Number of LSR contests held: 0

Number of entries: 0

Number of youth activities held: 2 Name of Activity: Operation Life Saver / Youth award

NMRA NATIONAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS: Michael Hohn MMR (educate@nmra.org) is the NMRA education Director and our liaison for educational activities. While reviewing the very detailed report requirements in our bi-law review, I asked Michael for the source of the report requirement to NMRA National? On 6 April 2022, he wrote saying ***“You don’t actually need to send me any reports. I see regional reports sent to Bob weinheimer who is on the NMRA board of directors, representing the regions.”*** Bob is the RAC director who gets his information from the Region Presidents. The LSR president advised that She gives reports to the RAC that are not specific to education. These reports are apparently the only source of educational material collected by the National Education Department..

OTHER NMRA NATIONAL INTERESTS: Mr Hohn said they are interested in regional activities with regard to Modeling With The Masters (MWTM). The MWTM are/is “hands on”, extra fare, clinics held at the annual NMRA National Convention where the instructors are all NMRA Master Model Railroaders (MMR). The program is headed by Jim Gore (JGORE@ut.edu). I taught these MWTM clinics for many years and will contact Jim Gore to find out more information on what they are looking for.

LSR Bi-LAWS REGARDING EDUCATION: While I did not have the above information in time for the LSR Bi-Laws review, the fact that NMRA National does not collect education reports from Regional Education personnel begs the questions; Why do we have a report requirement to the NMRA National listed in our bi-laws? , and what was the source for including it in the Bi-laws?

COLORADO MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM ED PROGRAMS: Darrell Cowles forwarded a presentation on the Colorado Model Railroad Museum that was prepared by Michelle Kempema. In review, it notes their mission is “To provide a model railroading experience that educates, inspires and brings joy to all ages.” While most of it covers their Museum layout, Education and youth activities are also covered to include; One day hands on workshops (using Woodland Scenics scenery kits) and “Pizza Box” layouts. Future educational projects are listed to include; Youth and School programs, Visitor Experience workshops, Railroad Safety program and Exhibit and Artifact Display. No specific were given on future programs but Michelle Kempema can be contacted at michelle@cmrm.org.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF LSR EDUCATION: At the Midyear meeting the “Pie in the sky – memorable LSR education” ideas involving use of the LSR web site were nixed because of the work involved for the site administrators and the need to not allow others site access. Since basic beginner stuff will not be featured on the web site, the emphasis should be directed to activities that are open to the public (Someone paying to come to a convention would not want super basic information).

Events Chair, Bill Dryden reported:

I am still able to maintain several good sources for up-coming events and continually soliciting new events. I typically will visit the web site for each published event to assure that the site is still active and provides the reader with needed information concerning the respective show. Occasionally, notices [still] arrive a day to a week after the column has been submitted and I respond with an email apprising the sender of the situation, with a reminder of our deadlines for future submittals. Overall, I am keeping up with the known events within our Region.

Anyone having events to be published, please send me the details:

bdr149@airmail.net

A reminder to all:

Please consider our deadlines for submittals and publications to allow adequate lead time to correctly announce your event – Column submission deadlines are the 15th of January, April, July and October; publication of the Marker Lamp is the middle of the following month.

Historian Bob Barnett reported:

I have submitted a couple of Historic/nostalgic hobby shop articles to the Marker Lamp to be used as room permits. I am still looking for members to write articles or visit with me on memories of their favorite shops in their part of the LSR.

I recently dusted off the LSR Cars collection in the archives. From the mid 1980's until the early 2000's the LSR produced a car each year honoring a railroad in the LSR typically from the Division where the LRS Convention was being held that year. There are quite a few and all of the layouts and owners were well-known around the LSR. Many of the Layouts are gone now but several still remain and are active. I will have the collection available for viewing at the LSR Convention in Temple is a table is available for display.

Hopefully my soon to be retirement will allow more time for research and preparation of articles.

Membership Chair Ken Kaiser reported:

All in all 2021 was a good year for LSR membership.

New memberships exceeded our losses and our membership numbers increased from 854 to 899, for a gain of 45 members.

Six of the eight Divisions increased their membership numbers.

Division 8 continues to have the most members at 194.

Division 1 recruited the most members with 31 and holds second place with 181 members. One of the items they undertook to gain new members was to seek out railroad events where they could set up a membership table. The UP Big Boy event in Ft Worth presented such an event and 13 new members were signed up during the two day event (even though there were thunderstorms on the second day).

Hopefully the reduction in dues to \$62 will stem the loss of some of our older members who have limited income.

Division 4 is attempting to set up meetings in outlying areas where members can meet together to share their railroading experiences and knowledge. At the same time they could view the monthly Division zoom meetings.

All Divisions need to look for creative ways to retain their current members as well as recruit new members.

Nomination Chair Pete Leach reported:

I would like to thank those members who stepped up to run or to run again for the open LSR offices. It is important that folks from around the region remain active in the organization. Running for a Board of Directors position is one very important way support the LSR. This region depends on those willing to give some of their time to keep this region strong.

Congratulations to the following:

Ray Byer – Vice President
Jeff Palmer – Secretary
Rod Fredericks – Div 2 (Welcome Back!)
Bob Thiele – Div 4
Don Winn – Div 6
Phil Stewart – Div 8
Darrell Cowles – Dir at Large
Michael Harang – Dir at Large (Welcome to the BoD!)
Pete Leach – Dir at Large

Offices that will up for election next year are:

President
Treasurer
Division 1
Division 3
Division 5
Division 7

We will need to start thinking about next year's election soon!

Non-Rail Chair Open No Report

Parliamentarian Ray Byer No Report

Photography Chair Michael Harang reported:

With covid restrictions slowly lifting, I am looking forward to visiting some activities and capture photos for our region. With my current residence in Southeast Louisiana, I will try to attend some railroading events in my area in the future. Additional photo equipment has been secured to provide better photography results under diverse conditions and settings.

LSR 2022 Convention: Temple, Texas

I have several conflicts with attending this year's convention and have informed the convention chairman and the president that I cannot be in attendance to perform photography duties.

LSR 2023 Convention: Grapevine, Texas

I have spoken with the convention co-chairman to begin preparations for this event. Due to the size and complexity of the event, we are partnering with Ft. Worth Camera to provide the additional persons necessary for complete coverage. This includes, but is not limited to: Convention Hall, BOD Meeting, National Train Show, Contest Room (may be covered by NMRA), Clinics, Banquet, all rail related tours, all non-rail related tours, layout tours, and operating sessions.

Publications Chair Riley Triggs

Four issues of the Marker Lamp were published in 2021. Director's reporting has improved greatly over last year. Pike ad renewals are off from previous years.

Division 6 Director Don Winn will be presenting a clinic on getting the AP certificate for writing at the next regional convention in May 2022 in Temple, TX.

I hope that encourages several people to submit articles for publication.

Areas to address

Getting help publishing the Marker Lamp.

Youth Chair Jim Lemmond reported:

The 2022 Youth Award Plaques have been ordered and distributed to the Division Directors of Division 1, 6 and 8. My congratulations to the 2022 Youth Award recipients.

This is my last duty as Youth Award Chairman. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Lone Star Region Board of Directors, Officers, and the various railroad club members in our Region for the support of this LSR program. It is my hope that the program will continue to have the LSR's support and encouragement.

OLD BUSINESS

Donna Orr opened old business welcoming everyone to the meeting, and introduce two of our guests, Christina Zambri, and Jessica Devorsky. Christina is the NMRA Marketing Consultant and Jessica is the Executive Director from Operation Lifesaver.

Gert Muller, the **Treasurer**, presented the current Budget Report 2021-2022 as posted online and in a futer Marker Lamp Issue.

Donna Orr opened the TABLED discussion on the future of the **At-Large** position from the January BOD meeting. It was determined to maintain the position and repurpose its goals. It was decided that each At-Large position needs to chair committees or functional chair position to help the flow of LSR activities.

Donna Orr opened the second TABLED discussion about Education activities. Since the LSR is a 501(c)(3), we have a requirement to provide educational activities to its membership and to the public. The first order of business is to document what the LSR does currently to meet these goals and what the LSR can do to increase its education activities. John Lowrance is chartered to review and bring the LSR in compliance with NMRA standards.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business in the installation of **New Officers** by **Donna Orr. Motion 3** contained the following elected officers:

Ray Byer – LSR Vice President
Jeff Palmer – LSR Secretary
Rod Fredericks – Division 2 Director
Bob Thiele – Division 4 Director
Don Winn – Division 6 Director
Phil Stewart – Division 8 Director
Pete Leach – At-Large Director
Michael Harang – At-Large Director
Darrell Cowles – At-Large Director

Donna welcomed the **new officers** and thanked the departing **officers** for their service. **Motion 3** was made by **Mike Mackey**, 2nd by **Phil Stewart**, no discussion ensued and the motion was ratified unanimously.

Donna Turned her attention to **Motion 4** – Audit Report. **Donna** explained that an audit of the **LSR accounting records** is done annually and this year's audit was done by **Pete Leach**, and **Charles Goodrich**. No issues were uncovered and all was in order, **Gert Muller** made the motion to accept the audit committee's findings. 2nd by **Chuck Lind**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gert Muller provided a budget report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year to date:

	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	Financial Year (FY)	Proposed for FY
Note: All fiscal years are from May 1st through April 30th	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
EXPENSES								Approved	Actual
Achievement-LSR Program	\$30.54	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Board Meeting	\$312.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Mid-Year Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$174.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Contest-Convention	\$1,185.69	\$905.04	\$228.50	\$382.77	\$599.28	\$817.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Convention, non rail	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$214.69	\$500.00	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conv 2012 Advance to Houston	\$0.00								
Conv 2013 Advance to DFW	\$0.00								
Conv 2014 Advance to RR	\$0.00								
Conv 2015 Advance to Beaumont	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00							
Conv 2015 loss of Beaumont convention									
Conv 2016 Advance to DFW	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00							
Conv 2021 Advance to Tulsa							\$1,000.00		
Conv 2022 Advance to Temple								\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Conv 2023 Advance									\$0.00
Convention General Expense (1)	\$0.00								
SOIC3 TRS Expense	\$400.00								
NMRA Rebate to divisions			\$954.25	\$1,149.00	\$890.00	\$853.00	\$802.50	\$850.00	\$780.50
Election Chair Expenses	\$1,242.21	\$240.95	\$57.36	\$86.01	\$194.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Historian Expenses	\$0.00	\$15.16	\$0.00	\$30.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Marketing								\$575.00	\$575.00
Membership Chair Expenses	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$100.00	\$72.91
President-Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$15.00	\$87.19
Secretary Exp. & Postage	\$65.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Exp. & Postage		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.05	\$36.98	\$40.00	\$20.65
Marker Lamp Print & Mail	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00						
Sign and Print for Events					\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Audio/visual		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,566.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$217.44
Memorial Denotations	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Website Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269.60	\$50.52	\$50.52	\$596.14	\$104.83	\$100.00	\$104.83
Banking Costs				\$26.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Youth Membership Program	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$221.00	\$360.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
Youth Chair Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.25	\$100.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,171.22	\$7,364.13	\$6,367.83	\$1,609.71	\$4,461.89	\$3,155.76	\$2,270.56	\$3,370.00	\$1,898.52
NET (INCOME-EXPENSES)	\$8,478.92	\$493.99	-\$4,712.77	\$3,049.27	-\$216.36	\$3,673.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,443.97
Prepared by Gert 'Speed' Muller, Treasurer 2017-2023									

(Note, the data shown here are up to date as of 2022/04/30)

Budget									
Lone Star Region	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	Financial Year (FY)	Proposed for FY
Note: All fiscal years are from May 1st through April 30th	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
INCOME	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Approved	Actual
Ad, Dealer, Marker Lamp	\$40.00	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Ad, Pike, Marker Lamp	\$243.00	\$104.00	\$164.00	\$112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Conv 2014 Proceeds, Round Rock	\$3,653.11								
Conv 2014 Repay Loan, Round Rock	\$2,000.00								
Conv 2015 Repay Loan, Beaumont		-\$2,000.00							
Conv 2015 Proceeds, Beaumont		-\$500.00							
Conv 2016 Repay Loan, DFW		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00						
Conv 2016 Proceeds, DFW			\$516.00						
Conv 2017 Proceeds, Houston				\$226.00					
Conv 2018 Proceeds, Round Rock					\$2,465.53				
Conv 2019 Proceeds, Frisco						\$3,504.00			
Conv 2020 Proceeds, Houston						\$1,619.00			
Conv 2021 Proceeds, Tulsa								\$500.00	\$761.49
Conv 2021 Repay Loan								\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Conv 2022 Proceeds, Temple									\$250.00
Conv 2022 Repay Loan									\$0.00
NMRA Rebate	\$1,919.00	\$1,916.00	\$1,919.00	\$1,848.00	\$1,780.00	\$1,706.00	\$1,605.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,561.00
Interest Earned CD Fund	\$2.04	\$35.46	\$40.00						
Interest From Conv Fund	\$0.97	\$26.60	\$19.92						
Patches and Decals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00						
MSSB interest				\$93.31					
Donations									
Amazon Smile				\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings							\$529.56	\$265.00	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,858.12	\$1,655.06	\$4,658.98	\$2,324.31	\$4,245.53	\$6,829.00	\$2,270.56	\$3,370.00	\$3,342.49

After a short discussion Gert asked that the motion be delayed until the discussion of **Motion 6** as this budget did not reflect the update needed to account for Motion 6. The motion was delayed.

Following the agenda, **Donna Orr** introduced **Christina Zambri** for her presentation on “**How to Market & Grow Your Division/Region**”. She opened with a number of common-sense points currently practiced by the LSR like the use of **30 Day, 60 Day, Inactive, Expired or Withdrawn Membership** reports. Christina’s specialty is social media, so she emphasizes the use of **Facebook**, and **Instagram**. She covered options like setting up membership tables at shows. It was pointed out that **Rail Passes** are an issue. One issue is the most apparent, they bring no money into the Division or the Region, and if the Rail Pass purchaser has already purchased a Rail Pass in the past, may not be eligible to purchase a Rail Pass now, but that information is not available at the Division or Region level. The money is refunded to the purchaser but no information is passed back to the Region. Rail Passes should be an option of last resort. She went on to cover hobby shops, and other points of interest. She also covered obtaining registration material, marketing materials, and “Freebies” from the NMRA.

Donna Orr presented the President’s Award to **Division 1 (Mike Mackey)** for their outstanding recruiting efforts. They recorded 37% of the new members for the LSR in 2021. Division 1 increased its membership while the rest of the divisions lost membership or remained even.

Donna Orr also presented a President’s Award to **Joe Leising** for his efforts in taking on the position of **Convention Chair**, and his efforts in other supporting roles within the LSR.

Donna Orr introduced **Jessica Devorsky** from “**Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI)**” a non-profit organization and nationally-recognized leader of rail safety education. Since 1972, OLI has been committed to preventing collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings, with the support of public education programs in states across the U.S.

Joe Leising reported on results to date of the Convention Committee. This resulted in a good discussion of issues, and the need for skilled players to assist the committee. One of the main issues is web support. **Bob Theil** introduced **Cliff Scherer** who is heading up the 2022 web support and is willing to assist future conventions with this detail. Since this is an ongoing topic, this discussion was TABLED for future BoD meetings.

Donna Orr a discussion on future dates for holding the LSR convention. One of the issues facing this year’s convention was: School is still in session, therefore, families find it difficult to attend during finals, or during graduation. Over the past several years, the convention has been held as early as February, as late as October. It is felt there needs to be more consideration given to when a convention should be held. It was pointed out that, traditionally, the convention was held Father’s Day weekend. This discussion was TABLED for future consideration.

Charles Goodrich MMR, Division 3 Director, brought a motion to the board to sponsorship to the Plano Train Show, to get increased publication of the NMRA and the LSR in the advertisement’s material for newspaper ads, and the Cowcatcher Magazine. There is also increased advertisement from the banners used at the train show. The motion presented to the board was Motion 6. The motion was presented by **Charles Goodrich** and 2nd by **Phil Stewart**. Minimal discussion ensued, and then the motion was passed.

The passing of **Motion 6** required an update to the **2022/2023 Budget**. **Gert** pointed out the changes necessary for the budget to be correct and motioned for the budget motion, **Motion 5**, to be passed. **Pete Leach** 2nd the motion, no discussion followed and the motion passed.

Bob Thiele presented the current status of the **2022 LSR Convention**. The site for the convention on **May 5-7, 2022**, is the **Mayborn Convention Center, Temple, Texas – “Where Modeling meets Prototype”**. Clinics are filled, and non-rail activities are being available, although minimal. Overall, the convention is moving forward. One of the conventions focuses will be on the AP program. Many hands-on clinics.

Mike Mackey presented the current status of the 2023 National Convention. Mike indicates that the convention effort is ramping up. The convention contract is still being negotiated. Mike is looking for volunteers. Web is <https://www.2023texasexpress.com/>

Brooks Willig presented his early visions for the 2024 convention in San Angelo.

After the convention updates, **Donna** motioned for the conclusion of the BOD meeting. 2nd by **Don Winn**. No discussion. Motion passed and the meeting concluded at **4:34 PM**.

Convention



By Joe Leising, LSR Convention Chair
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Wow!! What a fantastic convention we had in Temple, TX, hosted by The CenTex Division. The T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves Magnificence) effort of the convention committee truly provided an enjoyable experience for everyone with great educational clinics and social events with set-ups for meeting with old friends and making new ones. I personally appreciate getting to meet people I had only heard of, but now can consider them as friends.

The 2022 Lone Star Regional Convention would not have happened without the special efforts of;

Bob Thiele – Convention Chairman

Tom Weaver – Registrar & Treasurer

Mike Barrett – Timetable & Convention Advisor

Divina Gato-Hogno – Non-Rail

Brian Helms – Silent Auction

Carol Hennessy – City of Temple

Diane Jones – City of Temple

James Thompson – City of Temple

Peter Kazmir – Timetable

Chuck Lind – Convention Advisor

Jack Merkel – Operations

Bill Middlemas – Operations

Cliff Scherer – Webmaster, Publicity & Photographer

Riley Triggs – Clinics

George Zapalac – Operating Sessions

And members of the Lone Star Region;

Ray Byer – Contest Room

Marc LaChey – LSR Conventions (Retired)

Betty Mitchell – Contest Room

Jeff Palmer – Contest Room & Publicity

Duane Richardson – Award Plaques & Contest Room

And the many Lone Star Region members that contributed their time and efforts for the convention, as well as the many impressive clinicians that provided informative, educational clinics, some of whom traveled as far away as 1,800 miles to be a part of this year's annual LSR Convention.

Having operating session layouts at the convention center, a large lounge area for relaxing, social mix and mingle events with beverage service to wind down after each eventful day and live rail-fanning, all right inside the convention

center were just some of the many activities that made this a must-attend event. If you did not join us at this year's regional convention, you simply missed out on enjoying the experience of another terrific LSR convention.

Mark your calendars now for August 21 – 26, 2023. These are the dates for the 2023 Texas Express Annual NMRA National Convention. In lieu of a 2023 regional convention, Cowcatcher Division 1 and Trinity River Division 3 will be hosting the Annual NMRA National Convention in Grapevine, TX. This will be like a regional convention, only on steroids. Six days of amazing clinics, tours and the National Train Show will all be included with Registration. Watch for the announcement when registration for the 2023 convention opens, coming soon.

If you would like to get involved in the 2023 convention, contact Chris Mahan at Volunteer@2023TexasExpress.com and start earning credits towards your NMRA Volunteer AP Certificate. Volunteering for just a couple/few hours, or longer, will still allow you plenty of time to enjoy the 2023 NMRA Convention.

During over eighty-seven years of NMRA National Conventions, only two have been held in Texas, the most recent was more than thirty-two years ago. 2023 will be the very first time that a NMRA National Convention will be held in North Texas. For more information on the 2023 Texas Express NMRA National Convention, visit 2023TexasExpress.com, and visit often to see the updates as they become available.

Plans are moving forward for the 2024 LSR Convention, hosted by Division Director Brooks Willig and The Texas Panhandle & West Texas Division 5. This will be the first time in over ten years since our regional convention has been hosted in Division 5, so watch for future announcements and make plans to support Division 5 and the LSR in West Texas.

Discussions are taking place for the 2025 LSR Regional Convention. Again, the division discussing hosting the 2025 convention is in a location that we have not had the opportunity to visit in several years. Watch for updates as they occur.

Does your division have layouts that many of our LSR members have not had the opportunity to visit? Do you want to showcase your community and the rail related activities and industries that it has to offer? Would you like to have a regional convention in a location that would make it easily accessible for your division members to attend? Do you want to stimulate the financial growth of your community and your division? If you answered yes to any of these questions, start talking now to the members of your division about hosting a LSR Regional Convention.

For questions or discussion, contact Joe Leising at 817-312-6615 or at Joe@LSRConventions.com



By John Lowrance, MMR, LSR Education Chair
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Education is a major mission of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), the Lone Star Region (LSR), and its divisions. Education is how we grow new Model Railroaders and pass modeling skills to the next generation. Further, Internal Revenue Service 501(c) (3) requirements have become a part of our reason to exist under our Nations' taxation laws. The law requires us to include any interested public in our meetings, conventions, and educational projects. My intent for this space is to share educational activities that may help your club, division, or region conduct its educational programs. There was little response to my last call for ideas, so this issue will focus the efforts of a couple of Division 6 members.

For a number of years, Frolin Marek and Tom Crosthwait of San Antonio, hosted a quarterly "South Texas Railroad Social." While Division 6 director, Don Winn, made a report on NMRA activities at each Social, the Social was never formally advertised as an official NMRA event and was open to anyone interested in the hobby of model railroading or in fact just prototype railfanning.

Attendees met for lunch and an informal "meet and greet" prior to the free two-hour long meeting. No time was wasted on paperwork, dues or minutes and no formal memberships in any organization were required. Only a voluntary sign in sheet with contact information for future socials was offered. Space for the Saturday meetings was donated by a popular restaurant with a large party room.

Tom and Frolin spent months finding a location and perfecting the meeting format. Early trials featuring a 1 hour LSR "convention style" clinics, however they found shorter clinics (maximum of 20 minutes) and short 2 to 3 minute "show and tell" segments better held the attention of viewers, allowed more subject variety, and encouraged maximum participation of the attendees to become presenters.

With the onset of covid, Frolin and Tom converted the live meetings to "on-line" Zoom presentations. With Division 6 ranging from the Hill Country to the Rio Grande Valley, to Del Rio, Laredo and Victoria – the Zoom meetings attracted attendees outside of the "morning drive" range.

When the live meetings were resumed Frolin and Tom tirelessly worked to conduct the Socials, live and on Zoom

simultaneously. With increased interest in live meetings, and the extra burden of transporting the Zoom equipment to the live meeting site, The Zoom portion may soon be discontinued. If this happens, there will be an opening for individuals, clubs, or Division personnel to perhaps conduct "regional Zoom Socials" in the future.

The other advantage of the Zoom Social is the ability to involve "Celebrity" clinicians from outside of the local area much like the NMRAX program. Tom and Frolin's work while not called an NMRA activity, is none the less an "Educational Activity, carried out by NMRA and LSR members and thus meets the IRS requirement as an NMRA educational activity that benefits the public. I will be happy to put those interested in conducting an activity like this, in touch with Frolin or Tom for further information and guidance.

Division directors, if individuals or your Division/club/etc. are conducting similar events, then simple data (i.e.; number of attendees and number of clinics/presentations) would be ideal to include in your LSR Education report, and/or your LSR Directors report to the Board.

What educational activities are you aware of? If you, your club or division are doing things to help inform and educate the public about the hobby of model railroading, please send me a note or give me a call so we can pass your ideas on to the rest of our region. My contact information is: John Lowrance, 8611 Norwich Dr, San Antonio, TX 78217, (210) 822-2628, new-london@sbcglobal.net

Director Reports



Cowcatcher Division 1

by Mike Mackey, MMR

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Division 1 has had a great year through the first half of 2022. It is really nice to see membership continue to grow and those members, as well as existing members, become active in the programs offered to them. This year, we are working under two slogans to help drive more success. Our first slogan is "Helping make your Model Railroading Dreams Come True!" We are doing this by clinics aimed at the topics our member survey told us our members were wanting.

Our second slogan is "If you do nothing, expect nothing as a result." Hopefully this slogan plants the seed that members only get something from the NMRA if they put in some effort to receive something back. This is true in any situation, not just the NMRA! I have found, and I'm sure that you have as well, that individuals make time for the things they are truly interested in. If someone says, "I just don't have time", I am immediately reminded of this fact. The question to be asked is, "How do we raise model railroading and the NMRA higher on the priority list?"

Finally, Division 1 holds their meetings every month on the second Saturday of the month at 10am Central time. These meetings are held both in person and on Zoom. If you'd like to join the meeting in person, please visit www.cowcatcherdivision.org for the latest details. If you'd like to join us remotely, please drop an email to director@cowcatcherdivision.org and we can add you to our division email list to be notified of division activities (like our annual cookout in June), as well as a monthly link to the Zoom meeting log in.

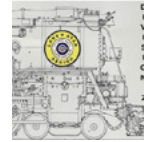


Bayou Division 2

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Since this will officially be my last report as Division 2 Director, I am happy to report that as of the end of April, 2022 the outer roof of the Crescent City Model Railroad Club building in Metairie, Louisiana has been repaired. The club could not do an entire new roof, but the damage and holes in the roof are fixed and sealed up. The inner ceilings are next and progress is being made finally. Hopefully once the inner ceilings are done there won't be too much to do to replace some damaged scenery and to get trains running again on the Crescent Lines.

In other news I have heard the the Mid South Club in Baton Rouge has lost their space for the layout and has had to move it into storage. They are on the lookout for a new location for it and hopefully will find a place soon. Unfortunately that means they have had to suspend operations until such time they find a suitable space and can rebuild the layout.

Good luck to the returning Division 2 Director, Rod Fredericks. Rod will once again do a great job for the Bayou Division.



North East Texas Division 3

by Charles Goodrich

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The LSR convention was held in Temple, Texas on May 5th through 7th. It was a well-planned convention with everyone attending having a great time. Clinics were great and there was a lot of local railroad activity for everyone to enjoy.

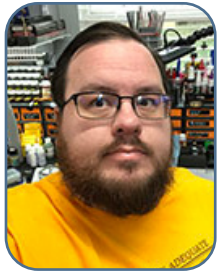
Although there has only been one Division 3 meeting since the convention the meeting had a lot of content that was educational and informative. During our Tips and Tricks segment Daniel (Dan) Darrouzet gave a tutorial on wiring LED's. This was very educational in that most of us had no idea of what was involved to properly wire a LED to produce the results we expect. Dan did a good job presenting this complicated subject in the short time allotted for Tips and Tricks. Maybe we can get Dan to do a full clinic on the subject in the future.

The Meeting Clinic was presented by Jerry Hoverson. His clinic is entitled "How to Create a 3D Printable Object Using TinkerCAD". Jerry showed how simple it can be to generate a 3D drawing that can be used in printing a 3D object. He brought many 3D printed objects that he had made to illustrate what can be done including a couple of HO_{N3} freight cars he had printed.

During "Show and Tell" Jeff Rykiel and David (Dave) Mock showed a segment of the layout that they were building for Tom Greco. Their construction techniques are a work of art that make a lightweight, sectional layout that is exceptionally strong.

James Knabb received his Association Volunteer certificate at the May meeting. James is a up and coming model railroader and is instrumental in putting together division 3's social media program. James is very good at all things computers and is a real asset to Division 3. Keep it up James. I look forward to seeing you receive any more certificates in the future.





Division 5

by Brooks Willig

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Well sometimes life happens and things don't go as planned. I want to apologize for having to cancel the May meeting. May seemed like an extra busy month for many people I know, me included. I was able to reschedule Greg McComas to the July meeting. Greg will be showing us his Michigan Interstate Layout. I have been able to have the opportunity to operate on this layout. It is a highly detailed modern-era layout with mainline trains in a small average sized bedroom.

Upcoming clinicians

In June Tony Privett will join us in June to talk about the Harvey House in Slaton. I was able to visit this place in November last year? It was really interesting to hear about the history and what the Harvey house was. He has been working hard to restore this historic landmark and currently runs a bed a breakfast there.

Please share the meeting links with anyone that you know that will want to join in. The meeting room is now set up to be a recurring room so you can use the same link from April 2022 on to join. I will continue to send out meeting reminders a few days before the meetings, I know I have been a bit lax on that the last few months.

Do you have a clinic you can present? I am always looking for clinicians for future meetings. Drop me a line to present at a future meeting.

Lubbock Model Railroad Association

I want to give a shout out to the Lubbock Model Railroad Association. This group of modelers are moving and shaking the hobby in the Lubbock area. They continue to host monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at the American Windmill Museum in Lubbock, TX starting at 7:30pm. Though I am a bit late at sending this newsletter out, on June 6th Henry Crawford presented on the construction of his HO Scale 1830s era adobe trading post. In past meetings Camryn Oden gave a hands-on demonstration of his dry-brush weathering technique using latex craft paint.

It is really good to see active participation in the hobby in the Division 5 area. If there are any other clubs, activities or areas of interest to the hobby, please send me a message with it so I can include them in upcoming newsletters.

The NMRA counts on volunteers!

The LSR is in need of a youth chairman- Please refer to the posting at the end of this newsletter. If you are needing volunteer points for the AP program, this is a great opportunity for you to serve.

With that in mind, the division can use your help as well. There are many areas to serve in the division, I am committed to grow this division and have it succeed for years to come, but I can not do it alone.

Volunteer positions available

Membership Recruiting & Retention
Newsletter/Social media/ or Marketing
Webmaster
Education/Clinic Program
Youth Chairman for the Division
Nominations Chairman for the division.

I would like to setup the division as a 501.3c organization, to my knowledge it is not, if it is I would like to know. If anyone has any experience with doing so I would love your help. Other than forming by-laws for the division, we need to have an election for an Assistant Director (Vice-President), Secretary (Keeps minutes and filings of the division), and Treasurer (Counts the beans). Please reach out to me if you would like to run for these positions.

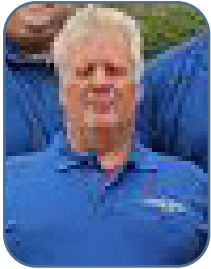
UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS!

August Meeting- August 15th at 7:30 PM

Clinician needed!! This is your time to present To sign up for the Division 5 monthly newsletter. Scan the QR Code or go to <http://eepurl.com/hRLLm9>.



See these reports in the Board Minutes



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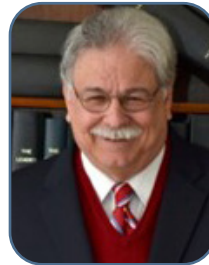


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The LSR convention and Board of Directors meeting was held in Temple the first weekend in May. Bob and team did a great job organizing the convention in this new (at least to me) location.

I attend my first in-person BoD meeting since the pandemic. It was great to see everyone and meet some of the new members. The presentations from Christina Zambri from National and Jessica Devorsky from Operation Lifesaver were interesting. Having a tornado warning during the meeting was a bonus!

I enjoyed the convention most of all. I had a chance to connect with old friends and meet new friends.

On Friday morning I presented a clinic on Painting Model Figures. It was well attended, and I think well received. I enjoy sharing some of the techniques I've learned on my journey through this hobby.

I had a chance to attend several clinics really enjoyed them all. I especially liked Bill Schneider's discussion on how a model is designed and manufactured in the hobby. Bill's experience at Rapido is likely common with other manufacturers. Oh, and he cleared up my question regarding the old N scale Rapido company. For the record, the current Rapido company has nothing to do with the old Arnold Rapido that made those awful N scale couplers from the old days!

Another interesting clinic I attended was by Mike Cougill on Detailing Track. I have followed Mike's blog for years. His approach to modeling track results in very realistic results. While his methods may not work for everyone, there were a lot of ideas presented that I hope to try on my own layout someday.

I finally had a chance to attend one of Speed's famous Arduino clinics. Electronics is not one of my strengths so I felt this would help me overcome my fear, or dislike, of circuits. Speed had each of us build several circuits to light LEDs with

the Arduino driving animation. The programming looked to be straight forward, and I look forward to learning more. I have a couple of ideas to use the Arduino to drive some simple animation on my home layout.

I attended two Op Sessions during the convention. The first was an enjoyable 50 minutes switching cars on the South Plains layout in the convention hall. I used car cards to pick up and set out a series of cars and made up a couple of transfer trains. This type of operations is something I try to do on my home layout.

I worked with Bob Barnett and Steve Sandifer operating the large modular layout based on the Austin area. I learned a lot from these two seasoned operators. Now I need to work on my Dispatcher certificate in the AP program.

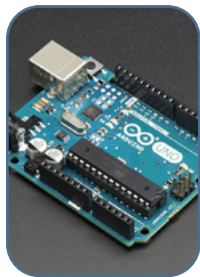
The convention banquet was a fun evening that included some good old Texas BBQ. There were many awards for models and photos submitted to the contest room. We have a lot of great modelers and photographers in the region.

And finally, as Nomination Chair, it is not too soon to start thinking about next year's elections. Positions up for elections include President, Treasurer, and Divisions 1, 3, 5, and 7. If you hold a one of these offices and are NOT planning to run for reelection, please let me know. Also, if you would like to run for any of these, contact me for details.



Figure 1 - These 6 figures from Aspen Model were purchased at the NNGC in Hickory. The painting technique was presented in my clinic. They are posing outside the Engine House in Wiscasset.

Treasurer Report



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2021/22 Financial Year:

Beginning Balances (2021/05/01)

LSR Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 41,821.37
Tulsa Convention Advance	\$ 1,000.00
Beginning Total LSR Net Worth (A)	\$ 42,821.37
Liabilities	\$ 1,355.86

Bob Clark Fund	\$ 528.86
Division 5&7 in Escrow	\$ 167.00
Delattre Fund	\$ 660.00
Outstanding Checks	\$ 429.48
Future Advances due	\$ -1,000.00
Starting Bank Saldo	\$ 43,606.71

LSR Proceeds

Dealer Ad	\$ 20.00
Pike Ad	\$ 0.00
Convention Proceeds	\$ 761.49
NMRA Rebate	\$ 1,561.00
Total Proceeds (B)	\$ 2,342.49

Disbursements

Youth Membership Program	\$ 40.00
Membership Chair Expenses	\$ 72.91
Treasurer Expenses and Postage	\$ 20.65
President Expenses and Postage	\$ 87.19
NMRA rebates to Divisions	\$ 780.50
Convention Advanced	\$ 0.00
Audio Visual Expenses	\$ 217.44
Marketing	\$ 575.00
Website Expenses	\$ 104.83

Total Disbursements (C)	\$ 1,898.52
Net Proceeds-Disbursements (B-C)	\$ 443.97

Updates to Restricted Funds (D)

Div 5 Escrow Payout	\$ -40.50
Div 7 Rebate to Escrow	\$ 24.00
Delattre Membership	\$ -82.00

Advance Acc. (Tulsa Conv.)	\$ -1000.00
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Ending Balances (2022/04/30)

LSR Unrestricted Accounts (E=A+B-C)	\$ 43,265.34
Future Advance (H)	\$ 0.00
Total LSR Net Worth (J=E+H)	\$ 43,265.34

Liabilities (F)

Bob Clark Fund	\$ 528.86
Division 5&7 in Escrow	\$ 150.50
Delattre Fund	\$ 578.00
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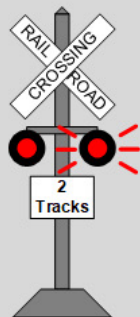
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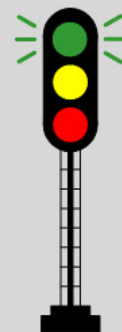
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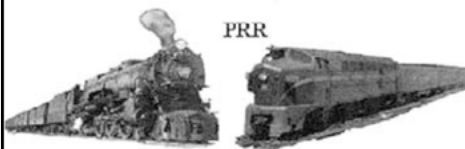


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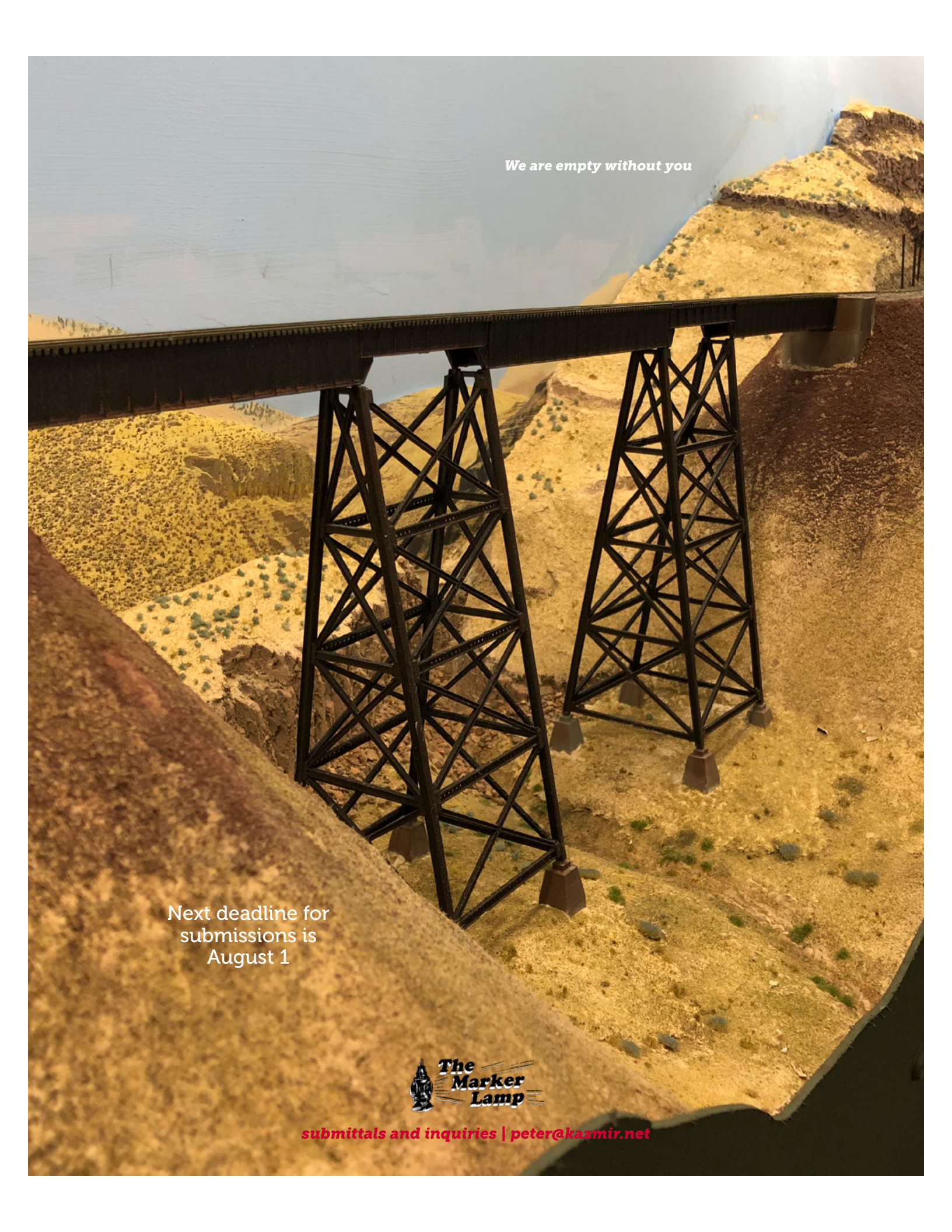
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